### BILH COVID-19 PCR Retesting for Patients Previously Diagnosed with COVID-19

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| Currently asymptomatic patient                         | • Re-testing for COVID-19 is **not recommended** within 90 days of the original positive test for patients who have recovered and are asymptomatic.  
  • This includes the recommendation **not** to test pre-procedurally or upon readmission within 90 days. | • Re-testing for COVID-19 is **recommended** > 90 days after the original positive test for patients who have recovered and are asymptomatic.  
  • This includes all settings in which initial testing would be recommended (e.g., admission, pre-procedure).  
  • If **positive test result**, isolation precautions for COVID-19 are required in the healthcare and home settings. |
| Patients who develop new symptoms after a previous positive COVID-19 PCR | • New infection is **unlikely** and alternative diagnoses (other than COVID-19) should be considered.  
  • While evaluation is in progress, isolation precautions should be used in the healthcare setting based on suspected disease process (e.g., TB, norovirus, C. difficile).  
  • If recurrent/relapsed COVID-19 is suspected, consider Infectious Diseases consult and institute isolation precautions for COVID-19. | • New infection is possible and repeat PCR testing is recommended.  
  • Isolation precautions for COVID-19 are required during evaluation and with a positive test result in the healthcare and home settings. |

**References:**