**Remaining questions from 1/20/22 meeting**

**\*From Dr. Vuppalanchi:** We are awaiting further guidance from CMS before we can answer the mandate related questions. Based on last week’s question: skipping PCR in asymptomatic POC positive created some challenges with respect to roommates. So let us please follow the algorithm as before. If you have a situation where the management does not change based on the PCR result, please check with me or an IDH rep and we can discuss whether appropriate to skip.

[12:40 PM] Shannon (Guest)

Is there still guidance regarding staff working between zones, yellow to red and yellow to green?

It is ideal for staff to be scheduled for the Red zone to be dedicated, however with staffing crisis and mitigation you may work between the zones using good IC practice and try to bundle care to work one area at a time for multiple tasks. i.e. work green zone care, yellow zone care then red zone.

[12:44 PM] Jean Johanningsmeier

Since the Omicron is lesser on sickness and appears to be lesser on contagious period since we went from 14 days to 10 days on quarantine, Is there any news on decreasing down to 7 days on quarantine especially if they are asymptomatic or mild symptoms and testing neg on the 7 day. Why would they need to stay on covid unit if testing neg on 7 days and symptoms improved?**.** This would help with beds that are in need for covid unit.

I think you are talking about duration of isolation in a confirmed case. During conventional staffing, staff can return to work after 10 days (or after 7 days with a negative test within 48 hours of reporting to work).

Restriction to working on COVID unit applies if returning to work sooner than conventional recommendation and the facility is crisis or contingency mode.

**If your question is about residents:** Residents’ isolation guidance has not changed, it is 10-20 days depending on severity or illness /+ 24 hours fever free

[12:44 PM] Jen Armendariz

WHAT GUIDANCE DO WE FOLLOW FOR HIGH RISK EXPOSURE? EVERYTHING SHOWS DIFFERENT GUIDANCE BETWEEN "BOOSTED" AND "VACCINATED/UNVACCINATE"....I THOUGHT WE WERE TO USE THE "UP TO DATE" TERMINOLOGY FOR VACCINATION STATUS.

Uptodate means Boosted or fully vaccinated and not eligible yet for the booster dose.

[1:17 PM] Cindy Adams

If we have an unvaccinated employee that is recovering from Covid. Are they held to the same time frame for vaccination?

Once out of isolation, they can get vaccinated. Someone with current COVID should finish isolation in 10-20 days depending on the severity of illness and if any immunocompromising condition

[1:21 PM] Summerfield Admin

where can we get rapid tests. We are out.

There are limited supplies available from Langham Portal