



Technical Bulletin



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Topic: Placement of patients/residents who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or who have had COVID-19 and have recovered (patient/resident no longer requires transmission-based precautions)
Contact: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Infection Control and Prevention Section
To: All Division of Public and Behavioral Health Licensed Health Care Facilities

Vaccinated Residents/Patients

All patients/residents that are COVID-19 negative and have received their vaccination against COVID-19 should continue to be housed in the green zone (general population/COVID-19 negative unit). COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 are not to be cohorted with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents. These individuals should not share a room with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents.

If a patient/resident develops symptoms of COVID-19 the individual should be immediately isolated* and tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 may share a room with other COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, individuals that are COVID-19 negative that have not been vaccinated, or individuals that have had COVID-19 but have recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission based precautions) and who have no symptoms of COVID-19. These COVID-19 negative individuals are to be cohorted together in the green zone.

Recovered Residents/Patients

Residents/Patients recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission-based precautions) and do not have symptoms of COVID-19 may be cohorted together in the green zone. COVID-19 recovered individuals that do not have COVID-19 symptoms are not to be cohorted with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents. These individuals should not share a room with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents.

If a patient/resident develops symptoms of COVID-19, the individual should be immediately isolated* and tested for COVID-19, placed in a single occupancy room in an observation area and placed on Transmission-based Precautions (TBP) (Droplet and contact). Appropriate signage is required to identify units and resident rooms to alert personnel entering the units and rooms of the appropriate TBP to take and decrease the risk of possible exposure.

If confirmatory COVID PCR test is positive (SARS-CoV-RNA-2) resident must be transferred immediately to the dedicated COVID-19 positive Isolation Unit (red zone) and placed on TBP (Droplet and contact precautions).

Residents/Patients recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission-based precautions) and do not have symptoms of COVID-19 may share a room with other COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, individuals that are COVID-19 negative that have not been vaccinated, or individuals that have had COVID-19 but have recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission based precautions) and who have no symptoms of COVID-19. These COVID-19 negative individuals are to be cohorted together in the green zone.

Reporting of Positive Residents who have been Vaccinated

You should inform DPBH staff immediately if a resident or staff tests positive two weeks or more following their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Contact your hospital acquired infection (HAI) lead or email dpbhepi@health.nv.gov within 24 hours of receiving the positive test. Your HAI Lead will work with you to send a test sample to the Nevada State Public Health Lab for further analysis and your disease investigator might request additional case investigation information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities

The following links from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide helpful information:

- Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents (this one provides helpful information on managing post-vaccine signs and symptoms among residents)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-residents.html>
- Post Vaccine Considerations for Healthcare Personnel (as above but applies to HCP)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/post-vaccine-considerations-healthcare-personnel.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/toolkits/long-term-care/faqs.html>
- If you have COVID-19 vaccine questions, you can send them to the DPBH Immunizations Program at dpbhcovid19vax@health.nv.gov

Questions:

For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin [website](#) and Nevada's health response [website](#) regularly.



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