**COVID-19 Guidelines for Newborns**

**Inborn:** Pregnant Mom *Universally Screened* is not a PUI and is considered negative unless test is (+) then follow COVID-19 protocol below.

- **Inborn:** Mother is positive/PUI\(^1\), NICU resuscitation team (2 LIPs and 1 RN) attend these deliveries. Notify COVID Hospitalist pager #6043 for heads up. Transport Isolette used, all team members droplet PPE\(^2\) with face shields with N-95 mask, since the infant may need resuscitation with CPAP, PPV, intubation, or open suctioning. Use **inline Filter with all positive pressure devices**. Avoid unnecessary suctioning; the use of blue bulb suctioning is prohibited. Mother and infant will be initially separated at birth. Taken to Bay 4 for bath, transition and triage.

- **Asymptomatic Infant** is a PUI, moved by transport Isolette to Bay 4 for transition. Placed on droplet isolation & face shield. Admitted and cared for by the COVID Hospitalist (Page #6043 either day/night). Newborn bathed as soon as possible after birth. Initially separated from mother. If mother chooses to room-in after discussion with COVID Hospitalist or per birth plan, infant placed in Isolette and moved to Mom’s room. Care per Well Newborn Protocol. **Surge plan:** if Bay 4 full, use former transition Beds 56+57 with infants cared for in an Isolette.

- **Infant requires NICU admission.** Goes to Bay 4 on NICU Covid-19 team for daily rounds, standard on-call team admits either day/night use droplet isolation plus face shield. If on positive pressure then use N-95 as below. Newborn bathed as soon as reasonably possible. Mom tests (-) can discontinue isolation. If Needs NICU Care stays in same room in Bay 4, switches nursing and medical team.

- **Mom (+), test baby at 48 hours of life.** NP swab if intubated, OP swab if not intubated. If on NP- CPAP, NIV-NAVA or intubation with ventilation by Jet/HFOV or open suctioning use N-95. If on Servo-i invasive ventilation with viral filter and inline suction, RAM Cannula or NC < 2 LPM can use just droplet with face shield except N-95 for 1 hr after suctioning. **Test:** EPIC order - COVID-19 testing (“Novel Coronavirus COVID-19”). If test is negative, discontinue precautions. If positive consult Epi regarding precaution duration.

- **Mom (-) infant can come off isolation.** If Mother is (-) infant can come off isolation. If Mother (+) then test infant at 48 hrs. If baby (+) remains in isolation, if baby (-) discontinue precautions. Cover infant when exiting hospital.

- **Visiting Rules:** 1) The identified asymptomatic caregiver / nonmaternal parent if not a PUI /Covid-19 (+) is permitted to visit and/or provide care to the asymptomatic newborn but wears appropriate PPE. 2) Mothers who are COVID-19 positive/PUI are not allowed to visit.

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\(^1\)Person under investigation, \(^2\)Personal protective equipment

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