Version 1/14/22: COVID-19 Guidelines for Term and Preterm Newborns

Inborn: Mother positive/PUI (excludes asymptomatic screening) NICU team (2 LIPs and 1 RN) attend these deliveries. Notify Newborn Nursery/Night NP team covering Newborn of delivery (pager #4555) for heads up. Transport Isolette used, all team members droplet PPE 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; blue bulb suctioning is prohibited. Infant asymptomatic can remain with Mom, admitted per Well Newborn protocol, if transition needed take to Bay 4 in an Isolette.

Outborn not newborn Infants
From home/ER/NICU with respiratory viral pneumonia need to be admitted to PICU until viral testing is negative similar to RSV patient.

Healthy Outborn Newborn Infant born to COVID-19/PUI mother, if asymptomatic stays at local institution.

Outborn Term or Preterm Newborns with nonviral respiratory issues (extreme prematurity, PDA, NEC etc) born to COVID-19 (+) mother/PUI can be admitted to Bay 1/2/3. Droplet isolation, Face shield & N-95 mask. Mom is (-) D/C precautions. Mom is (+) test infant when > 48 hrs of age otherwise test all outborn infants on admission. Outborn infants with unknown COVID status need to be in Droplet isolation, Face shield & N-95 mask until admission test is (-).

NICU Visiting Rules: 1) Asymptomatic caregiver/nonmaternal parent if not PUI /Covid-19 (+) is permitted to visit and/or provide care to the asymptomatic newborn but wears appropriate PPE. 2) Mothers: COVID-19 positive/PUI are not allow to visit, unless (-) or if test (+), ≥ 10 days since (+) test, afebrile for 72 hours w/o antipyretics and free of respiratory symptoms other than improving chronic cough. 3) No parental limitations if > 2 weeks since 2nd dose of vaccine or since single dose vaccine (J&J) when exposed.