**Well Newborn Nursery COVID-19 Guidelines for Management of an Asymptomatic Newborn**

**Asymptomatic newborn** is born to a COVID-19+/ PUI mother. **Newborn is a PUI. Notify Newborn Nursery team of admission at pager 4555.**

- **Mother chooses CDC and AAP rooming-in as standard of care.**
- **Mother isn’t available to be with newborn.**
  - Transported in Isolette
    - Healthy caregiver available to care for newborn and a bed is available on 6JPP or 3JPP?
      - **Yes to both**
        - Recommend newborn be in an Isolette in mother’s room.
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          - If pumping, an uninfected caregiver can feed the newborn the expressed breastmilk using proper PPE.
          - If mother tests (-), discontinue isolation. **If mother tests (+), newborn requires testing† (see pg2).**
          - If newborn tests (+), consult Epidemiology.
          - Cover newborn when exiting at discharge.
      - **No to either**
        - Admit newborn to 6JPP or 3JPP on the Newborn Nursery service pager 4555.
        - Admit newborn to SFCH level 10 on the Peds Hospitalist service pager 2583.

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† Testing per CDC guidelines

- All asymptomatic newborns should be tested prior to discharge. Discharge should not be delayed due to pending test results.
- Precautions should be continued throughout hospitalization regardless of newborn’s test results.
- If LOS anticipated to be > 48 hours
  - Test at ~ 24 hours of life using NP swab
  - If newborn tests negative, repeat testing at 48 hours of life.
- If LOS anticipated to be ≤ 48 hours
  - Single test prior to discharge between 24-48 hours of life using NP swab
- Use test COVID-19 High Risk Exposure Lab (Lab 9023)