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.

**Transported in Isolette**

recommend newborn be in an Isolette in mother’s room.

No blue bulb suctioning

**Bathe newborn as soon as possible.**

Newborn must remain in mother’s room.

Staff will use appropriate PPE - contact, droplet + face shield precautions.

Keep newborn ≥ 6 feet from the mother as possible.

Mother and uninfected caregiver(s) should wear a face mask and perform hand hygiene before contact with the newborn.

If breastfeeding or breast pumping, mothers should perform hand hygiene and wear a mask while breastfeeding and/or pumping.

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.

**Yes to both**

Admit newborn to 6JPP or 3JPP on the Newborn Nursery service pager 4555.

**No to either**

Admit newborn to SFCH level 10 on the Peds Hospitalist service pager 2583.

Newborn is in a private room and cared for in an open bassinet. If the newborn is on SFCH L10, postpartum nurses will care for the baby for the first 24 hours, and then Level 10 nurses will assume care of the newborn for the remainder of the stay.

No blue bulb suctioning

**Bathe newborn as soon as possible.**

Newborn must remain in room.

Staff and/or caregiver will use appropriate PPE - contact, droplet + face shield precautions.

If mother tests (-), discontinue isolation and newborn rejoins mother. **If mother tests (+), newborn requires testing† (see pg2).**

If newborn tests (+), consult Epidemiology.

Cover newborn when exiting at discharge.

If newborn becomes symptomatic or ill, newborn should be transferred to NICU in an Isolette.
† 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)