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

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

Mother chooses CDC rooming-in as standard of care.

Recommend infant be in an I solette in mother’s room.

No blue bulb suctioning

Bathe newborn as soon as possible.

Infant must remain in mother’s room.

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

Keep newborn ≥ 6 feet from the mother.

Use physical barriers such as a curtain when not in the I solette.

Another healthy adult should be present in the room to care for the infant using proper PPE. If another healthy adult is unavailable, mother should wear a face mask and perform hand hygiene before contact with the infant.

If breast milk feeding, mothers should be encouraged to pump and have another healthy adult feed the infant the expressed breastmilk using proper PPE.

If mother tests (-), discontinue isolation. If mother tests (+) and anticipated LOS for infant is > 48 hrs, test newborn at 48 hrs of life using OP swab.

If infant tests (+), consult Epidemiology.

Cover infant when exiting at discharge.

If infant becomes symptomatic or ill, infant should be transferred to NICU in an I solette.

Mother chooses separation or isn’t available to be with infant.

Transported in I solette

Healthy caregiver available to care for infant and a bed is available on 6JPP or 3JPP?

Yes to both

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

No to either

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

Infant is in a private room and cared for in an open bassinet. If the infant 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 infant for the remainder of the stay.

No blue bulb suctioning

Bathe newborn as soon as possible.

Infant must remain in room.

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

If mother tests (-), discontinue isolation and infant rejoins mother. If mother tests (+) and anticipated LOS for infant is > 48 hrs, test newborn at 48 hrs of life using OP swab.

If infant tests (+), consult Epidemiology and cover infant when exiting at discharge.

If infant tests (-), discontinue precautions.