

## **COVID-19 Screening Criteria for Admission**

Admission criteria: ***NEGATIVE PCR test within 48 hours of admission.***

The following exceptions apply to PCR testing:

- Critical access hospitals and outpatient clinics may run into barriers with this requirement. Therefore, a NEGATIVE antigen test obtained within 24 hours is acceptable; with the caveat that a saliva sample will be collected upon admission and a PCR test run in the Shodair Genetics Lab. Patient to quarantine in room pending negative result.

Monday through Friday:

Tests that are received by 1:00 pm in the lab will have results available that evening.

Saturday and Sunday

Saliva sample will be collected, and PCR test ran on Monday.

In the above scenarios, a patient admitted on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening would have to isolate in their room until results came back on Monday late afternoon.

A patient who has had COVID within past 90 days does not need COVID testing as they will test positive.

For a COVID positive patient who is on day 10 of illness and is being released from quarantine:

- If patient has very few symptoms ok to transfer.
- If patient still has any significant symptoms advise the full 14 days of quarantine prior to admission, or complete quarantine in their room on acute unit.