

**COVID-19, Influenza, and Norovirus Infection Control Recommendations for LTCFs**

Disease	PPE	Resident Isolation & Placement	Work Exclusion for Infected or Ill Staff	Quarantine following Exposure for Asymptomatic Individuals
<b>COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Standard precautions</a> and <a href="#">full PPE</a> to include gown, gloves, N95 or respirator, and goggles and face shield	<p>Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection regardless of vaccination status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days* from symptom onset date or test date if asymptomatic for residents with mild to moderate illness who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised</li> <li>• At least 10 days* and up to 20 days* from symptom onset date for residents with severe or critical illness who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised</li> <li>• For residents who are moderately to severely immunocompromised, refer to <a href="#">PAHAN 624</a> for detailed information</li> <li>• Residents should isolate in a private room or cohort with others who are infected with the same organism if a private room is not available                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If SARS-CoV-2 infection is suspected, residents should isolate in place using the same precautions until testing confirms infection</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>*Consider day of symptom onset (or first positive test if asymptomatic) as day 0</p>	<p>Conventional, regardless of vaccination status for staff who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days* from symptom onset date with mild to moderate illness (with improving symptoms) or test date if asymptomatic -OR-</li> <li>• 7 days* if asymptomatic or mild to moderate illness (with improving symptoms), with a negative test collected within 48 hours before returning to work</li> </ul> <p>Contingency, regardless of vaccination status for staff who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 days* with or without a negative test, if asymptomatic or mild to moderate illness (with improving symptoms)</li> </ul> <p>Crisis, regardless of vaccination status for staff who are not moderately to severely immunocompromised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p>*Consider day of symptom onset (or first positive test if asymptomatic) as day 0</p>	<p>Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not <a href="#">up to date</a> on vaccinations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days* from date of last exposure if no symptoms (preferred) -OR-</li> <li>• 7 days* from date of last exposure with a negative test within 48 hours before the time of planned discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and no symptoms</li> <li>• Testing is recommended immediately and 5-7 days after exposure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Up to date</a> on vaccinations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No quarantine but source control should be worn through 10 days following last known exposure</li> <li>• Testing is recommended immediately and 5-7 days after exposure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Positive COVID-19 viral test within 90 days                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No quarantine</li> <li>• Testing is not recommended if asymptomatic</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varies depending upon vaccination status, type of exposure, and facility's staffing status (i.e., conventional, contingency, crisis). Refer to <a href="#">PAHAN 621</a> for detailed information.</li> </ul> <p>*Consider day of last exposure as day 0</p>
<b>Influenza</b>	<a href="#">Standard</a> and <a href="#">droplet precautions</a>	<p>Suspected or confirmed influenza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 days after illness onset or until 24 hours after the resolution of fever (<math>\geq 100</math> °F) and respiratory symptoms, whichever is longer</li> <li>• Residents should isolate in a private room or cohort with others who are infected with the same organism if a private room is not available</li> </ul>	<p>Staff with fever (<math>\geq 100</math> °F):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 24 hours after the resolution of fever (without use of fever reducing medications)</li> </ul> <p>Staff symptomatic, no fever (<math>&lt; 100</math> °F):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be considered for evaluation by occupational health to determine appropriateness of contact with residents</li> <li>• Wear a mask while providing patient care if symptoms like cough and sneezing are still present</li> <li>• Allowed continue or return to work unless caring for patients who are immunocompromised</li> <li>• For staff working with patients who are immunocompromised, consider temporary reassignment or work exclusion for 7 days from symptom onset or until resolution of all non-cough symptoms, whichever is longer</li> </ul>	<p>Residents and staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Norovirus</b>	<a href="#">Standard</a> and <a href="#">contact precautions</a>	<p>Suspected and confirmed norovirus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 48 hours after resolution of symptoms</li> <li>• Residents should isolate in a private room or cohort with others who are infected with the same organism if a private room is not available</li> </ul>	<p>Minimum of 48 hours after the resolution of symptoms</p>	<p>Residents and staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

More information about COVID-19, influenza, and norovirus infection control recommendations for LTCF's can be found at the following links:

COVID-19- [2022-HAN \(pa.gov\)](#) – PAHAN's [621](#), [622](#), [624](#), [626](#), [627](#)    Influenza- [LTCFtoolkit11 12 2018 FINAL.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)    Norovirus- [Norovirus Toolkit.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)    [CDC Isolation Precautions Appendix A](#)