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In the last 48 hours has the resident had a new fever* or symptoms**?

- Yes
  - Does the resident have any of the following:
    - Short of breath
    - Chest pain
    - Dizzy or lightheaded
    - Severe vomiting or diarrhea
  
- No
  - Place patient in room with door closed, mask patient and place in droplet isolation. Check vital signs, any concerns contact IPAC.

Is aggressive inpatient treatment consistent with goals of care

- Yes
  - Resident should go to the hospital via ambulance
    - If hospital evaluation is needed, contact ATC at xxx-xxx-xxxx to assess need for Emergency Department Evaluation or Direct Admission
    - Facility to notify ATC of COVID positive status
    - Ensure patient is masked and roomed ASAP

- No
  - SNF has ability to safely care for patients in droplet isolation
    - If SNF COVID PUI unit is at capacity or not available consider transfer to SMH via ambulance
      1. Facility to notify ATC of patient arrival and COVID positive status
      2. Ensure patient is masked and roomed ASAP
    - Transfer to SNF COVID PUI Unit if possible
    - Arrange for mobile COVID-19 testing at SNF

Does the resident have close contact*** with a person with a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19?

- Yes
  - If SNF COVID PUI unit is at capacity or not available consider transfer to SMH via ambulance

- No
  - Resident should go to the hospital via ambulance

Last modified on 4/9/20 Workflow may be modified in the future as the COVID pandemic evolves

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*Fever: can be objective (100.5 F) or subjective

**Symptoms include new: cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, diarrhea, respiratory distress, chills, myalgias, loss of smell, change or loss of taste sensation, new delirium or significant deterioration in functional status without other cause

***Close contact is defined by CDC as: 1. Being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 patient for a prolonged period of time (more than 5 minutes). 2. Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g. being coughed on)