WINDSOR REGIONAL HOSPITAL UTSTANDING CARE – NO EXCEPTIONS!



When the decision to admit is made, ALL patients must have the following typical and atypical signs and symptoms assessed, ALL patient must be tested for COVID-19 and all patients must be placed in Enhanced Droplet and Contract Precautions.

Section A: Symptomatic Screening:

Typical Symptoms:	Atypical Signs/Symptoms consider particularly in children, older persons, and people living with a developmental disability <u>and</u> not explained by current diagnosis:
☐ fever (37.8°C or greater)	unexplained fatigue/malaise/myalgias
🗆 cough	□ delirium (acutely altered mental status and inattention)
□ shortness of breath (dyspnea)	□ unexplained or increased number of falls
□ sore throat	acute functional decline
□ hoarse voice	□ exacerbation of chronic conditions □ chills
□ difficulty swallowing	\Box headache
□ new olfactory or taste disorders	
clinical/radiological evidence of pneumonia	conjunctivitis
runny nose/nasal congestion (in absence of	unexplained tachycardia
underlying reason for these symptoms such as seasonal	□ decrease in blood pressure
allergies, post nasal drip, etc.)	unexplained hypoxia
□ digestive symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea,	□ lethargy, difficulty feeding in infants
abdominal pain)	□ multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children

□ Patient is positive for COVID-19, or had exposure to someone with COVID-19 or is admitted from an outbreak facility

If a patient has any of the above signs and symptoms, exposure history or is COVID-19 positive, they are considered a high risk/symptomatic rule out COVID-19, and should not be cohorted as long as capacity allows.

If capacity does not allow, patient placement is the responsibility of the Director/VP or After Hours Administrator.

Section B: Asymptomatic Screening

On admission, assess the following risk factors:

- □ Patients transferred from another hospital (including within WRH), Long Term Care (LTC), Retirement Home or Rest Home, or other congregate living settings and institutions (excluding ER visits)
- □ Any patient without signs or symptoms listed above being admitted to any inpatient unit

If a patient has been tested due to the non-symptom related reasons above and has none of the above signs and symptoms listed in section A, they are considered an asymptomatic rule out COVID-19, and may be cohorted if required for capacity. Director/VP or After Hours Administrator to approve.

□ COVID-19 swabs have been sent

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When assessing for the symptoms below the focus should be on evaluating if they are **new**, **worsening**, **or different from an individual's baseline health status (usual state)**. Symptoms should not be chronic or related to other known cause or conditions (see description and examples in chart below below).

Symptom	Description / Elaboration of Symptom	Examples of Other Known Causes or Conditions
Common Symptoms of COV		
Fever	temperature of 37.8°C/100.0°F or greater	
Cough	 new or worsening (e.g. continuous, more than usual if chronic cough) including croup (barking cough, making a whistling noise when breathing) 	e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Shortness of breath	 dyspnea, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, wheeze, that is worse than usual if chronically short of breath 	e.g., chronic heart failure, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Other Symptoms of COVID-1	<u>9</u>	·
Sore throat	 painful swallowing or difficulty swallowing 	e.g., post nasal drip, gastroesophageal reflux
Rhinorrhea (runny nose)	• runny nose	e.g., returning inside from the cold, chronic sinusitis unchanged from baseline
Nasal congestion	stuffy nose	e.g., seasonal allergies
New olfactory or taste disorder	decrease or loss of smell or taste	e.g., nasal polyps, allergies, neurological disorders
Nausea and/or vomiting		e.g. transient vomiting due to anxiety in children, chronic vestibular dysfunction
Diarrhea		e.g., Irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, side effect of medication
Abdominal pain	persistent or ongoing	e.g., menstrual cramps, gastroesophageal reflux disease
<u>Atypical Symptoms</u> - conside developmental disability Chills	er particularly in infants and children, olde	er persons, and people living with a
Headache	new and persistent, unusual, unexplained, or long-lasting	e.g., tension-type headaches, chronic migraines
Conjunctivitis	pink eye	e.g., blepharitis, recurrent styes
Fatigue, lethargy, or malaise	 general feeling of being unwell, lack of energy, extreme tiredness that is unusual or unexplained 	e.g., depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, anemia, malignancy
Myalgias	 muscle aches and pain that are unexplained, unusual, or long-lasting 	e.g., fibromyalgia
Decreased or lack of appetite	for young children	e.g., anxiety, constipation
Atypical Signs - assessed by	a Health Care Provider (not explained by	other known causes or conditions)
New or unusual exacerbation of chronic conditions	 exacerbation of chronic lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder 	
Tachycardia	fast heart rate, including age specific tachycardia for children	e.g., atrial fibrillation
Low blood pressure	for age	
Нурохіа	 oxygen saturation less than 92% 	e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder
Difficulty feeding in infants		e.g., gastroesophageal reflux disease, cleft palate
Delirium	acutely altered mental status and inattention	e.g., urinary tract infection, substance- related such as alcohol withdrawal, medication induced
Increased number of falls	 in older persons, and unexplained 	
Acute functional decline	 sudden change in ability to function compared to baseline 	e.g., gradual decline over months due to a neurological disorder such as dementia or Parkinson's disease
	e diagnosed by a health care provider:	
Clinical or radiological	evidence of pneumonia	