
Regional Resource: COVID Isolation Centers

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To prevent the spread of COVID-19 at long-term care and residential facilities, the Agency for Health Care Administration issued [Emergency Rule 59AER20-1](#). This rule requires COVID-19 testing by hospitals of all patients, regardless of symptoms, prior to discharge to long-term care facilities.

Hospitals are prohibited from discharging any patient who tests positive for COVID-19 to a long-term care facility until the resident has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated COVID-19 wing, unit or building with dedicated staff to exclusively care for COVID-19 patients. Long-term care and residential facilities listed in the emergency rule include nursing homes, assisted living facilities, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled and group home facilities.

The Agency has diligently been supporting the establishment of COVID isolation centers throughout the state, and wants to ensure that you are aware of the availability of these facilities as a potential resource. Hospitals, nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities can request to discharge patients who require nursing facility level of care and who lack an appropriate discharge setting while recovering from COVID-19 to COVID Isolation Centers. The discharging facility will contact, and work directly with, the isolation facility to coordinate the transfer. The isolation facilities have agreed to serve as a regional resource to receive these patients.

For up to date information, including a map of isolation facilities, please go to our COVID isolation center webpage which can be accessed through the

following website: http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19_inf.shtml. Please continue to check the website for additional updates.

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