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Policy:

The facility shall ensure residents with suspected or confirmed COVID – 19 are quickly and safely transported through the facility if needed.

Procedure:

If a resident is identified to be suspected of having COVID – 19 or is confirmed to have COVID – 19 the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Immediately resident is to be placed in their room, face mask placed on their face and the door to their room closed.
2. DON, Infection Preventionist, and Administrator are to be notified.
3. MD will be made aware and isolation station placed outside the door.

If transport will be initiated:

1. Staff are to identify the location and/or room the resident will be transported to. Staff are to ensure the location the resident is going to is fully ready including all required signage and PPE.
2. All staff that will be involved in the transport are to properly perform hand hygiene, and don all required PPE which includes gowns, gloves, face mask, and eye protection prior to beginning the transport. Staff are to ensure resident has a face mask on properly prior to approaching and transporting.
3. Staff are to make sure the entire route that will be taken are clear of all other residents and staff members that are not part of the transport team. Resident room doors along the route are to be fully closed.
4. Once transport is initiated, it should be completed as quickly as possible without stopping for any non-essential reasons.
5. Housekeeping is to immediately fully terminal clean the room and/or area the infected resident came from.