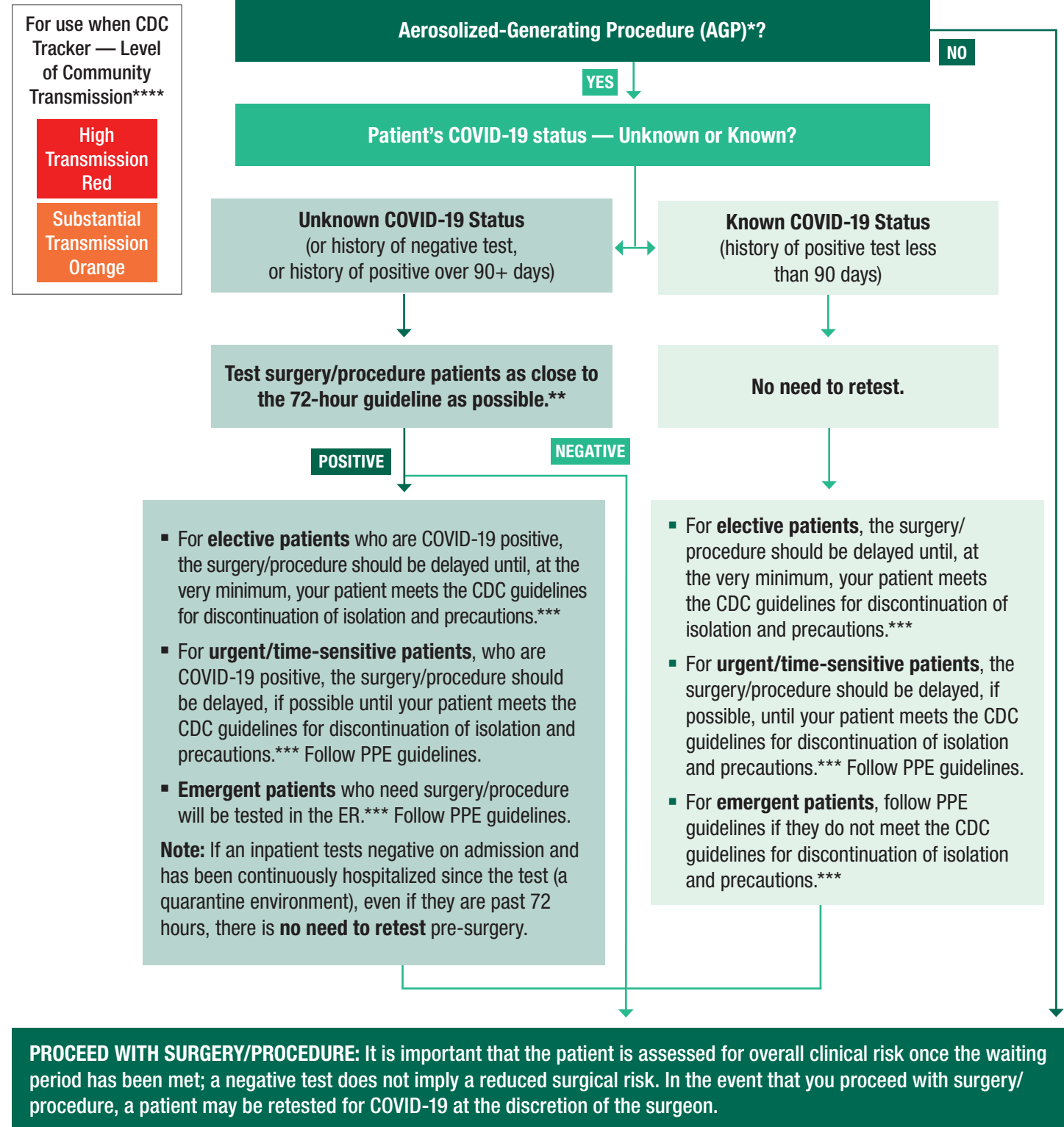


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* AGP examples (This is not a comprehensive list of AGP examples) intubation/extubation, bronchoscopy/endoscopy, colonoscopy, CPAP/ BiPAP, bag mask ventilation, CPR, nebulizer treatments, suctioning, sputum induction, tracheostomy care, bedside swallow evaluation, high-flow nasal cannula, entire ENT, OMFS, TEE, electrocautery of blood, gastrointestinal tissue and any body fluids, laparoscopy and other airway manipulation cases. AGPs include cases that utilize a bone circulator saw, laser, high-speed drill and similar devices.

** Articles on postoperative complications: Several studies reveal that patients going to surgery after contracting coronavirus are at an increased risk of postoperative death. Researchers found that amongst SARS-CoV-2-infected patients who underwent surgery, mortality rates approach those of the sickest patients admitted to intensive care after contracting the virus in the community.

[ScienceDirect.com/Science/Article/pii/S014067362031182X?via%3Dihub](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S014067362031182X?via%3Dihub)

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[JamaNetwork.com/Journals/Jamasurgery/FullArticle/2767370NCBI.NLM.NIH.Gov/Pmc/Articles/PMC7229873/](https://www.jama-network.com/journals/jamasurgery/fullarticle/2767370NCBI.NLM.NIH.Gov/Pmc/Articles/PMC7229873/)

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*** CDC guidelines for discontinuation of isolation and precautions are as follows:

- Ten days after mild or moderate symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms
- For persons who never develop symptoms, 10 days after the date of their first positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA

If in doubt as to whether the patient had a history of moderate vs. severe COVID-19 diagnosis, delay the patient for 20 days to ensure you meet CDC guidelines.

CDC Guidelines: [CDC.Gov/Coronavirus/2019-NCOV/HCP/Duration-Isolation.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html)

****CDC Tracker: [Covid.CG.C.Gov/Covid-Data-Tracker/Index.html#Datatracker-Home](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#datatracker-home)

This algorithm also applies to intra-entity transfers. See notes on following page.

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