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- **Who this is for:** All post-acute care and behavioral facilities transferring a patient to a BHSF Hospital's Emergency Room.
- **What this is for:** To ensure appropriate safety measures are in place for patients transferring from **post-acute and behavioral health facilities** to acute care hospitals.
- **How to use:** BHSF Hospital's Emergency Room receives completed ***Post-Acute Care and Behavioral Health to Hospital Transfer – COVID-19*** and scans into the patient's medical record.

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In order to effectively, efficiently, and safely prepare for a patient with possible COVID-19, it is imperative that all **facilities transferring a patient to BHSF comply with the following process:**

1. **PRIOR** to the patient's transfer, **CALL the BHSF Hospital's Emergency Room (see contact information below)** to provide medical report including the patient's current condition and medical status in relation to COVID-19.
2. **PRIOR** to patient's transfer, **notify the EMS transportation services** of the patient's medical status in relation to COVID 19.
3. Complete all sections of the FHA Form called ***Post-Acute Care and Behavioral Health to Hospital Transfer-COVID-19 Assessment and Communication.***
4. If the answer is **YES to ANY of the Resident Assessment Questions** section of the form:
  1. **Notify EMS and the Emergency Department** of the accepting facility **PRIOR TO TRANSFER** that the patient is confirmed or suspect COVID-19, **AND**
  2. **MUST MASK** the patient during transport and upon arrival.