

New Hospital Post-Acute Care Facility
Transfer COVID-19 Assessment Tool

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- FHA in collaboration with the Florida Health Care Association and Leading Age Florida, has developed a patient assessment tool to document an individual's medical status related to COVID-19 prior to the transfer of all patients to a post-acute facility.
- The **Hospital to Post-Acute Care Facility Transfer COVID-19 Assessment Tool** is based on current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and input from hospital and post-acute facility clinical specialists. The tool was developed to help facilitate communication between hospitals and post-acute providers during patient transfers and admissions.
- The tool will be updated should guidance or policy recommendations change.

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- **Who this is for:** Medical providers managing patients who are hospitalized with COVID-19 but deemed ready for discharge to SNF or ALF.
- **What this is for:** To help outline guidelines for testing and safe transfer according to CDC and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in post-acute healthcare facilities.
- **How to use:** Reference to guide healthcare staff regarding discontinuing transmission-based precautions and discharging hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

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- **Effective Immediately**, the Hospital Post Acute Care Facility Transfer COVID 19 Tool ,is to be completed by medical providers when transferring patients to SNF or ALF.
- The form can be found in the intranet page and /or under EBCC website under the tile CORONAVIRUS.
- The form is called “Hospital to Post-Acute Care Transfer COVID-19 Assessment”.

Once signed , a copy goes to the SNF or ALF and the original is to be placed on the HIM outbox and scan to the medical record.

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All hospitalized patients should be assessed for COVID-19 prior to transfer to a post-acute care facility. This tool should be used to document and individual's medical status related to COVID-19 and to facilitate communication between the hospital and the receiving facility during patient transfers. This document must be signed-off by the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who completes the clinical assessment.

Please select your entity:

- Baptist Hospital of Miami
- Bethesda Hospital East
- Bethesda Hospital West

<http://intranet.bhssf.org/en/departments-and-directories/ebcc/Pages/COVID19-Hospital-to-Post-Acute-Facility-Transfer.aspx>

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Hospital to Post-Acute Care Facility Transfer – COVID-19 Assessment

INSTRUCTIONS: Hospitals are encouraged to use this form to document your assessment of the COVID-19 status of all hospitalized prior to transfer to a post-acute care facility. CHECK THE BOX FOR EACH OF THE CRITERIA APPROPRIATE TO THE PATIENT'S STATUS:

Patient Name: _____

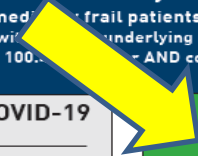
Transferring Facility: _____ Accepting Facility: _____

Has patient been laboratory tested for COVID-19?
COVID-19 testing criteria for elderly/medically frail patients – Update 3/18/2020

- Patients age 65 and older or patients with underlying medical conditions AND
- Patient presents with new onset fever 100.4 or higher AND cough OR other respiratory signs including shortness of breath

YES, Patient tested for COVID-19
Date of test: _____
What was the indication for testing? _____

NO, Test NOT INDICATED per CDC/AHCA/FDOH criteria. MAY TRANSFER



Travel/Exposure In the past 14 days, has the patient been to any of the restricted travel areas, traveled internationally, traveled on a cruise ship, exposed to a person who has been lab tested positive for COVID-19, or is an immunocompromised person.
Dates of travel: _____ Date(s) of exposure: _____

Respiratory Signs/symptoms of a respiratory illness (cough, sneezing, fever > 100, shortness of breath, sore throat).

Negative test **Positive test**

If the patient was tested due to travel/exposure criteria, are they still in the 14 day post travel/exposure period where isolation is required?
 YES **NO/Not Applicable**

If the patient was tested due to travel/exposure criteria, are they still in the 14 day post travel/exposure period where isolation is required?
 YES **NO**

MAY NOT TRANSFER **MAY TRANSFER** **MAY NOT TRANSFER**

Clinical Assessment Completed by (signature) _____

Date/Time _____

Reported to (name of facility staff) _____

Date/Time _____



For any questions regarding this form, contact your Case Management.

Ordering tests required for discharge



- Step 1- Follow the Interim Guidance for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and disposition of hospitalized patients with COVID 19 being transferred to a Post Acute Care Facility (SNF, ALF, Independent Living Facility):

Elderly Discharge Criteria to Post Acute (SNF, ALF, Independent Living)

All elderly patients being discharged to SNF ,ALF, or Independent Living post acute care facility will require a provider completed “**Hospital Post- Acute Facility Transfer COVID-19 Assessment Tool**”

If the elderly patient tested positive for COVID-19, they will need the following:

1. Resolution of fever without antipyretic medication **AND**
2. No symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, fever, shortness of breath) **AND**
3. Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized molecular assay for COVID-19 from at least two consecutive paired nasopharyngeal specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens)

Ordering tests required for discharge (cont...)



- Step 2- Providers are to send the testing to the **commercial labs** (i.e. Lab Corp and not to the FDOH) for quicker turn around time (it can take approximately 72 hours)
- Step 3- Refer to CERNER lab ordering message for proper processing
- To avoid discharge delays, please order required testing 72 hours before planned discharge date.