

Well Newborn Nursery COVID-19 Guidelines for Management of an Asymptomatic Newborn PUI

Asymptomatic newborn is born to a COVID-19+/
PUI mother. Infant is a PUI.
COVID Peds Hospitalist is notified via Voalte or pager 6043 for admission.

Mother declines separation.

*Transported in isolette
to NICU Bay 4.*

Infant is taken to NICU Bay 4 **TEMPORARILY** for transition, assessment and bath.
Contact, Droplet + face shield precautions
No blue bulb suctioning
Bathe newborn as soon as possible.
COVID Hospitalist will assess infant in transition.

*Transported in isolette
to mother's room.*

Recommend Infant be in an isolette in mother's room.
Infant must remain in mother's room.
Staff will use appropriate PPE - contact, droplet + face shield precautions.
Keep newborn ≥ 6 feet from the mother.
Consider use of physical barriers such as a curtain if not using an isolette.
Another healthy adult should be present in the room to care for the infant using proper PPE.
If another healthy adult is unavailable, mother should wear a face mask and perform hand hygiene before contact with the infant.
If breast milk feeding, mothers should be encouraged to pump and have another healthy adult feed the infant the expressed breastmilk using proper PPE.
Cover infant when exiting at discharge.

Preferred Isolation - Infant is separated from mother.

*Transported in isolette
to NICU Bay 4.*

Infant is **ADMITTED** to NICU Bay 4.
Refer to COVID-19 NICU Guidelines.
Contact, droplet + face shield precautions
Open bassinet if in a private room
Isolette if in an open area; Beds 56/57
No blue bulb suctioning
Bathe newborn as soon as possible.

If mother tests (-), infant can come off isolation and rejoin the mother if separated.
If mother tests (+) and anticipated LOS for newborn is > 48 hrs, test newborn at 48 hrs of life using OP swab.
If infant tests (+) consult Epidemiology.
If infant tests (-) and is separated, discontinue precautions.
Cover infant when exiting at discharge.

**If infant becomes symptomatic or ill,
infant should be transferred to NICU
Bay 4 under the NICU service.**