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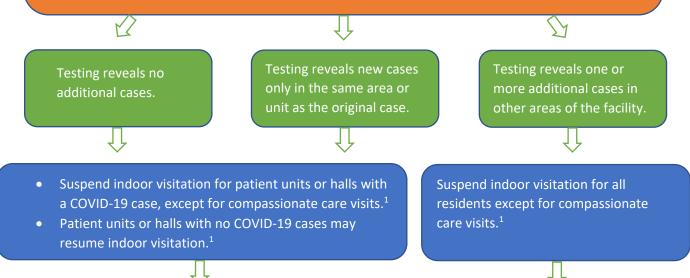
COVID-19 Visitation Guidelines for Nursing Facilities During an Outbreak Flowchart

A Staff Member or Resident tests positive
for COVID-19 (COVID-19 Outbreak)

- Suspend all visitation except compassionate care visits.[1]
- Immediately begin facility-wide COVID-19 outbreak testing.[2]
- Place all residents in quarantine and contact/droplet precautions (use of gowns and gloves).[3]
- Staff in close proximity to residents should wear fit-tested N95 masks and eye protection.[3]
- Identify residents and staff who have had prolonged close contact* with the case.[3]
- Contact your HAI POC or email hai@utah.gov.

| Testing reveals no additional cases. | Testing reveals new cases only in the same area or unit as the original case. | Testing reveals one or more additional cases in other areas of the facility. |

- Suspend indoor visitation for patient units or halls with a COVID-19 case, except for compassionate care visits.[1]
- Patient units or halls with no COVID-19 cases may resume indoor visitation.[1]

Suspend indoor visitation for all residents except for compassionate care visits.[1]

For the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak until there are no new COVID-19 cases for 14 days:

- Residents with **prolonged close contact*** (*within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more cumulatively over 24 hours*) with the COVID-19 case should continue quarantine for 14 days.[3]
- Residents without prolonged close contact* with the case should generally be restricted to their rooms and consider halting communal dining and group activities.[3]
- Staff and residents from all units must continue to participate in outbreak testing every 3-7 days.[2]
- Staff in close proximity to residents should continue to wear fit-tested N95 masks and eye protection.[3]
- All residents should remain on contact/droplet precautions until there are no new COVID-19 cases for 14 days.[3]

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