Discontinuing Transmission Precautions for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

The Corewell Health East policy for discontinuing transmission precautions in patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 can be found here. Corewell Health East recommends using a non-testing-based strategy for discontinuing precautions.

For patients with confirmed COVID-19 (test positive) or suspected or presumptive COVID-19 (test negative but high clinical suspicion or test not performed), the following minimum conditions must be met:

1. **No fever for at least 24 hours** without fever-reducing medication
2. **Improvement in symptoms** (e.g., stable/improved oxygen requirement, cough controlled, diarrhea <3 episodes/day)
3. **It's been at least 10 days since the initial positive COVID-19 test result.** For patients with severe to critical illness, or who are severely immunocompromised, it should be at least 10 and up to 20 days since the initial test.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A patient may test negative for COVID-19 but may experience fevers or other acute respiratory symptoms. If these symptoms can be readily explained by another condition (such as COPD, another respiratory viral illness, etc.), and if clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection is low, then COVID-19 precautions can be discontinued. In the event this occurs, the patient’s attending physician or medical team should be contacted regarding the need for continued transmission precautions.