Intra-Hospital Transport for all positive or PUI COVID patients

**Patient is identified as needing intra-hospital transport**

**Direct admission process outlined in policy EMS-0001**

Sending unit prepares the patient for transport, including any necessary equipment. Unit will coordinate with RT as needed prior to calling for transport assistance. Patient will remain on current bed surface.

Once the patient and staff are physically ready to depart (and report has been called if necessary), unit to unit: receiving unit staff will call security for escort; unit to radiology: unit staff call security. Security or designee will meet staff on departure unit.

For unit to unit transfers (including peri-op/ED): Receiving unit will respond to patient’s departure location for handoff and to transport patient

For transport to radiology: Unit staff will accompany patient to destination

Sending unit staff will place surgical mask on the patient and disinfect surfaces of the bed/stretcher that will be touched during transfer (side rails/headboard).

***Oxygen devices permissible for transfer with mask on: Nasal cannula, Non-rebreather, Hudson, oxymizer or intubated/vent support

If patient is unstable, the team should consider intubation prior to transport

Two staff members (RN/RN or RN/LNA) should accompany patients on transports: Bed driver- does not need full PPE, should only touch disinfected surfaces and public surfaces. Care provider- dons full PPE, provides patient care as needed, does not touch public surfaces.


One security officer or designee will accompany the nursing staff members significantly ahead of them to hold elevator, override elevator option and assist with on lookers/other traffic along transport. Once patient is on the elevator, security will take the stairs to the destination floor and support transport until they reach desired unit.

Security escort not needed for ED to ED radiology hall transports. Utilize security escort for transport into McClure 1 Radiology.

Patient arrives at destination

If patient will need a return trip, then staff accompanying patient will need to don clean gowns and gloves prior to transporting patient back