Bed Management for Cohorting COVID-19 Patients

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What’s New: Added general guidance section to reflect CDC changes from 2/10/2021 instructing that COVID-19 patients should have a dedicated bathroom and remain in the same room for the duration of the stay, if possible.

This guidance is based on what is currently known about COVID-19 and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) current guidance. The following bed placement model should be followed in order to safely cohort COVID-19 + patients and PUIs from those patients not affected by COVID-19:

General Guidance

If admitted, place a patient with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection in a single room (if available) with the door closed. The patient should have a dedicated bathroom, if possible.

- Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIRs) should be prioritized for patients who will be undergoing aerosol generating procedures.

To the extent possible, patients with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection should be housed in the same room for the duration of their stay in the facility (i.e., minimize room transfers).