Use of bedside safety attendant (sitter):
During the time of COVID-19 outbreak, the use of bedside safety attendants should be carefully considered, and alternative solutions tried first including the use of virtual monitoring if available.

1. If a bedside safety attendant is essential, in COVID-19 positive or PUI:
   o The bedside safety attendant must utilize appropriate PPE.
   o Per infection prevention:
     ▪ There are no time limitations for being in the room currently.
     ▪ If an aerosolizing procedure is performed in the room, the N95 does not need to be changed immediately after the procedure. It is fully functional for the remainder of the shift. The face shield disinfected using a sani-wipe following the procedure.
     ▪ If another colleague such as Nurse or Respiratory Therapist will be in the room during the continuous aerosolized procedure, the bedside attendant may step out of the room during the procedure.
   o Observation must be from at least 6 feet from the patient.
     ▪ Tape on the floor to identify the 6-foot distance may be helpful
   o Develop a means of communication from inside the room for the attendant, that would not require opening the door (i.e., using the call light and responding from the call station by unit staff)