

The Steven and Alexandria Cohen Pediatric LTC Pavilion  
**PANDEMIC INFECTIOUS DISEASE COHORT PLAN**

This plan addresses the isolation of resident(s) who are suspected or confirmed with a pandemic infectious disease as well as those residents with exposure to a resident with confirmed pandemic infectious disease. .

**Resident Placement / Disposition:**

1. Residents suspected to be infected may require transfer to an acute care facility and a higher level of care.

***If transfer is not necessary or possible:***

2. A resident with confirmed pandemic infectious disease is placed in an available single-person room with the **door closed**.
3. Visiting will be limited.
4. If there is more than one resident with confirmed disease they can be cohorted in the same room.
5. Staff designated to care for residents with infectious pandemic disease are not assigned to care for other residents. If staff cohorting cannot be accomplished, then cares should be bundled to prevent cross contamination (care for non-infected residents before infected residents).
6. Staff entry to room will be limited to essential caregiver.
7. Testing / procedures to the extent possible are performed in the resident's room.
8. Residents are dedicated to their room for the duration of illness. Transport and movement outside the room is limited. Medically necessary movement outside the room would require the resident to wear a mask.
9. Once the resident is discharged/precautions discontinued the room is left vacant for 2 hours. After which Environmental Service Personnel can perform the terminal cleaning process as per EVS procedures including use of ultraviolet disinfection.

***Roommate Of Confirmed Patient With Infectious Pandemic Disease:***

1. The roommate of a confirmed positive resident is considered exposed and will remain on Droplet/Contact Precautions for the designated period of time.
2. Should this resident become symptomatic, all procedures for residents with confirmed infectious pandemic disease will be followed.

**Procedure**

1. If there is one resident with a positive test, the residents with MDRO's in the 2 private rooms can be cohorted.
2. The positive resident placed in one private room and the exposed resident in the other private room.
3. The therapy treatment room can be used as a temporary staging location for the 2 residents in the private rooms with MDRO's until the terminal cleaning process is completed.

4. The therapy treatment room is terminally cleaned once the residents are placed into a cohort.
5. If there are multiple residents with symptoms all are placed on Contact/Droplet precautions.
6. Residents with confirmed positive tests are cohorted and those residents who test negative but were identified as exposed are cohorted.
7. Separate staff teams to be used for infectious and or exposed residents and exercise consistent assignment for residents regardless of symptom status.-
8. Staff are to be inserviced on the signs and symptoms related to the infectious disease.
9. At the discretion of the facility administration, residents are transferred to an acute care facility if it is determined appropriate isolation cannot be maintained.