

Cohorting Patients with COVID and/or Influenza – Criteria for patient placement

Acceptable patients to cohort in semi-private room:

1. **COVID positive patients:** Patients with initial COVID positive test dates within 10 days of each other and with active Enhanced Isolation orders.
 - a. If necessary, any patients with active Enhanced Isolation orders, related to a positive COVID test, may share a room.
2. **Co-infected COVID/Influenza positive patients:** COVID positive patients with influenza co-infection, if they have the same influenza strain (flu A with flu A and flu B with flu B). Patients should be at similar stage of illness, i.e., both at beginning, or at resolution, of illness.
3. **Influenza positive patients:** Patients positive with the same strain of influenza. Patients should be at similar stage of illness, i.e., both at beginning, or at resolution, of illness.

Additional Information:

1. It is acceptable for patients to undergo aerosol-generating procedures, while in a cohorted semi-private room, however, the preference is for these procedures to be done in a negative-pressure room, when possible.
2. Patients requiring isolation for other infections/colonization (MDROs, C. diff, etc.) should not be cohorted.
3. It is advised that COVID positive patients are placed on a cohorted unit, with dedicated staff and equipment, when possible.
4. It is preferable to place patients with resolved infections together, instead of with a COVID-negative patient.