



To: Our Hospital and Care Partners

Date: April 7, 2020 (2:00 p.m.)

RE: Laurel Health Care Company Admissions Update

To Our Valued Partners:

We have received some questions regarding the admissions/readmissions policy we implemented recently. We have listened to your feedback while also trying to stay aligned with our State Health Departments, CDC, CMS and Trade Association's guidance.

Effective immediately, the following clarifications have been made to the order of our Admissions/Readmissions protocol.

***** The 2 negative tests can be used to avoid the complete necessity of isolation for 14 days, however, it is no longer an initial requirement for referrals. *****

Specifically, the criteria for our review of admissions and readmissions now indicate:

1. The facility must consider all of the items below before making an admit/readmit decision:
 - a. The facility has sufficient PAR levels of PPE to place the new guest/resident in contact and droplet isolation for 14 days (masks, gowns, eye protection, gloves).
 - b. The facility has sufficient staff to provide care and support services.
 - c. The facility is able to isolate the guest/resident appropriately (i.e., wanderers).
 - d. The facility has an appropriate room for placement.
 - e. If the hospital can provide two (2) Negative Tests for COVID-19 (2 consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens greater than or equal to 24 hours apart, Total of 2 specimens) then No isolation status will be needed.
 - f. Regional Director of Operations and Regional Clinical Coordinator approval is required, due to the nature of the current situation.
2. If any hospital has sufficient supplies and can incorporate PPE into the discharge plan, we will be able to expedite the admissions process.

Please know that we will continue to keep you updated as we respond quickly to the needs of our hospital partners and communities we serve, while maintaining the health and safety of our guests and frontline staff. Thank you for your continued fight and perseverance during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

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