

Patients with no history of COVID-19 entering a LTC facility at discharge

- Will receive one COVID-19 test, with results returned within 48 hours *prior* to discharge. Such tests are eligible for priority processing through the Public Health Lab using the following forms available here:
<https://tinyurl.com/OSDH-lab-forms>
 - [Laboratory Requisition](#)
 - [Case/Patient Screening Form for COVID-19 Testing](#)
- If **Negative**, they will be discharged according to plan, where facility-specific isolation protocols will be initiated and a 2nd test will be administered in accordance with CDC guidelines.
 - If **Positive**, they will be discharged to one of the following LTC facilities (in priority order): ¹
 1. Originating LTC facility (if facility has COVID + residents and is engaging in cohorting protocols)
 2. Local LTC facility with cohorting of COVID + residents
 3. COVID + transitional care facility (Enid/Tulsa/OKC)

** The resident will be treated in accordance with CDC guidelines for COVID + individuals **

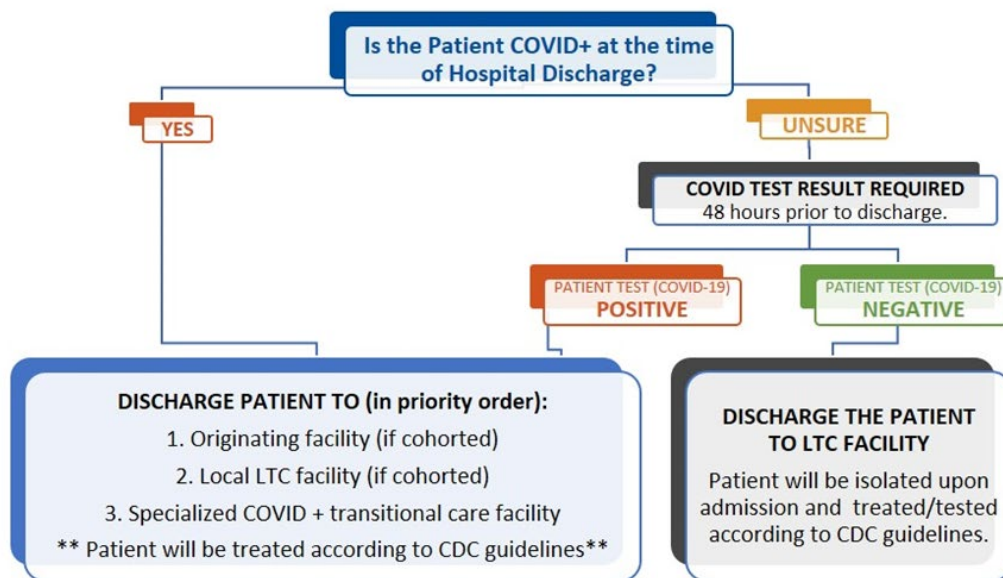
Patients with history of COVID-19 care at hospital and eligible for discharge to a LTC facility

Patients who enter the hospital COVID + or test COVID + during their stay will not require another test at discharge. They will be discharged according to the guidance above for **Positive** patients.

¹These facilities may either engage in further testing, or initiate quarantine protocols in accordance with CDC guidelines (link below) for a 14 day period.

Additional Comments

- In an effort to assist hospitals in obtaining test results, the PHL has amended its requisition form to allow for hospitals to designate the specimen as a priority. These tests, if sent to the PHL, will be run and the results returned within 24 hours. Hospitals are not required to use the PHL for these tests, but may do so at their discretion.
- While the CDC recommends a total of 2 negative tests within a given time frame to determine that a patient is recovered, hospitals are not required to perform a 2nd test. If a patient tests negative, they will be discharged to their arranged LTC facility where that provider will follow quarantine protocols and follow up testing per CDC guidelines.
- For COVID + residents, LTC facilities are not required to engage in continuous testing once their diagnosis is established. It is recommended that these patients follow CDC guidelines ² and initiate a 14 day quarantine.



² See CDC's Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings (Interim Guidance), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>