# IPC Guidance:
# Management of COVID-19 infected patient

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**Patient develops COVID-19 symptoms/new respiratory symptoms**

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**LFD**

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**Positive**

1. ***Isolation and respiratory precautions for five days.** Ensure to put the ISOLATION precaution signage on the door/bedside if in a bay.
2. **Medical team to assess** for COVID-19 treatment.
3. **PPE (respiratory precaution)**

   **3.1 surgical mask and apron for any interaction.**

   **3.2 FFP3 and long sleeve gown for AGP**

   - **Refer to visual guide PPE COVID-19**
   - **Dispose of PPE after each episode of care.**
4. **Strict five moments of Hand Hygiene**, soap and water is recommended for any patient interactions.
5. **Laundry management** – place items in the **red alginate bag** before putting them in the correct colour of the outer laundry bag.
6. **Waste management** – dispose of all PPE in the **ORANGE clinical waste**.
7. **Nurse in charge to request for the following cleaning from Domestic Services:**
   - Chlorine solution for room cleaning during isolation period.
   - Deep clean after isolation period.

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**Other actions:**

- Staff to inform family/relatives
- IPC to inform admissions team
- LFD screen for all other patients in a shared room (day 1, 2, 3)
- Visitors/family will be instructed to wear a surgical mask when visiting during the isolation period.

**Negative** →

Manage patient as per symptoms control/relief.

Follow patient medical management pathway.

Note: If symptoms persist, please send viral swab for PCR.

***Day 0 - When symptoms develop or when the asymptomatic screening was carried out for the new admission/ readmission/contact of positive.**