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It is the policy of this facility to transfer residents to the acute care provider when medically necessary and continue to admit residents for rehabilitation and recovery based on facility capabilities.

**Procedure**

1. The written transfer agreement(s) with referring hospital(s) are reviewed and updated as needed.
2. The Facility Assessment is reviewed and updated as appropriate to address facility capabilities.
3. Assigned personnel communicate with local, regional, and state public health officials to monitor the status of COVID-19 spread within the community and risk levels. Current status is communicated and reviewed among facility leadership.
4. The facility maintains contact with the referring acute care source(s) to identify current bed availability and communicates the hospital’s current status data to facility leadership.
5. Ongoing review and monitoring of staff clinical capabilities and implementation of PPE and infection control guidelines is reviewed and re-education and coaching provided as indicated.
6. Space to properly place residents based upon COVID-19 status:
   1. COVID-19 positive residents in a separate space
   2. Private/single room(s) for observation/quarantine for new admissions, readmissions, residents exposed to COVID-19 or residents with symptoms.
7. Bed usage within the facility is monitored daily and as indicated.
8. The facility’s ability to accept recovery and rehabilitation residents from the hospital is communicated during contact with hospital personnel.

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