Pregnant mother presents to L&D and requires admission for LABOR‡.

Does the patient have any combination of fever, new cough or new shortness of breath not due to something else?

- **NO**
  - Mother is Person Under Investigation (PUI)*. Initiate Special Droplet + Contact precautions, or Airborne if known COVID+.
  - Patient wears mask
  - Send RSV/Flu, COVID swab if not already sent. Recommend separation from infant after delivery.

- **YES**
  - Mother agrees to separation
  - Delivery
  - Mother transferred to M6 or alternate COVID unit
  - Newborn transferred to B7 COVID Room when stable

  - Special Droplet + Contact Precautions
  - Care by healthy caregiver or RN/LNA in PPE
  - Expressed breast milk or bottle feeding

  - If newborn requires higher level of care: Transfer to NICU, Bs, or PICU as census/clinical condition dictates. Patient on Special Droplet + Contact Precautions.

Mother refuses separation

- **NO**
  - Routine care
  - Initiate Droplet + Contact Precautions
  - Couplet care

- **YES**
  - Maintain Special Droplet + Contact precautions pending test results
  - After delivery, couplet care (as census allows) on:
    - L&D
    - Baird 7
  - Mother must wear PPE and strict hand hygiene for BF/care
  - Maintain > 6 foot separation otherwise plus physical barrier

Close contact† with a PUI or person who is COVID+ OR person <14 days from high-risk area or under travel-related quarantine?

- **YES**
  - Woman requires ongoing quarantine

- **NO**
  - Maintain > 6 foot separation otherwise plus physical barrier
  - Mother transferred to M6 or alternate COVID unit
  - Newborn transferred to B7 COVID Room when stable

  - Special Droplet + Contact Precautions
  - Care by healthy caregiver or RN/LNA in PPE
  - Expressed breast milk or bottle feeding

  - If newborn requires higher level of care: Transfer to NICU, Bs, or PICU as census/clinical condition dictates. Patient on Contact + Droplet Precautions.

If mother delivers precipitously or PUI determination cannot be determined until after birth for any reason, initiate Special Droplet + Contact Precautions, send RSV/Flu and COVID swab, but continue couplet care as above.

*Defined by CDC as: being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case (or PUI) for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room — or — having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case or PUI (e.g., being coughed on)

‡Initial bed placement according to “COVID+ or PUI admission/evaluation” rubric. If presenting for C/S and patient meets criteria for PUI or is known COVID+, admission to M6 or alternate COVID unit. Post-delivery, placement as above depending on mother’s decision re: infant separation

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### Discharge instructions if separated:

- **For COVID +:** Continue separation until 7 days from symptom onset AND 72 hours after resolution of symptoms
- **For COVID test pending at discharge:** Separation as above until results known, if negative, discontinue isolation

### Discharge instructions if not separated:

- **For COVID+:** Self-isolate together, monitor for symptoms in infant
- **For COVID test pending at discharge:** Monitor for symptoms until results known

**Asymptomatic but exposed to known positive:** Continue self-quarantine together and isolation from contact

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