

## USA NICU Policy/Guidelines Regarding Disposition & Transportation of Neonates Born to Mothers Under Investigation for or Positive for COVID-19

- **ASYMPTOMATIC Neonates born IN HOUSE should be:**
  - o Isolated from mother (per CDC recommendations) in NBN under standard, droplet & eye protection precautions until test results for mother are known
    - Visitation & PPE use per attached algorithm
  - o Neonates should be tested only if mother tests positive for COVID-19 (see attached testing algorithm) or at discretion of the caring physician
- **ASYMPTOMATIC Neonates born at OUTSIDE hospitals should be**
  - o Isolated from mother (per CDC recommendations) in NBN under standard, droplet & eye precautions until test results for mother are known
    - Visitation & PPE use per attached algorithm
  - o There is NO need to transfer to USA NICU (even if mother tests positive for COVID-19) if neonate remains well appearing and there is no other medical reason for transfer to an acute care unit
  - o Neonates should be tested only if mother tests positive for COVID-19 (see attached testing algorithm) or at discretion of the caring physician
- **Neonates requiring NICU admission IN HOUSE (to mother under investigation for or positive for COVID-19)**
  - o Will be brought up to NICU in isolette to a single patient or semi-private room & placed under droplet, contact & eye protection precautions
    - Visitation & PPE use per attached algorithm
  - o Neonates should be tested only if mother tests positive for COVID-19 (see attached testing algorithm) or at discretion of the caring physician
- **Neonates requiring NICU admission from OUTSIDE hospitals for appropriate medical indications (to mother under investigation for or positive for COVID-19):**
  - o Will be picked up by USA NICU Transport Teams. Transport team members will wear PPE according to droplet, contact & eye protection precautions.
  - o Neonates will be transported to NICU in isolette to a single patient or semi-private room & placed under droplet, contact & eye protection precautions
    - If infant requires CPAP, High Flow NC, intubation & mechanical ventilation, or any other aerosolized procedure neonate should have airborne precautions added & be moved to a negative pressure room.
    - Visitation & PPE use per attached algorithm
  - o Neonates should be tested only if mother tests positive for COVID-19 (see attached testing algorithm) or at discretion of the caring physician

\*\*\*These guidelines are based on the latest CDC & other experts' recommendations as of March 25, 2020 & will be revised & updated as more information becomes available\*\*\*

## Management of the Asymptomatic Newborn: Newborn Nursery

CDC recommends separation of mother and infant

Parents agree to recommendation

Parents decline recommendation/  
separate room not available

**Single patient room**  
Droplet, contact & eye protection  
precautions

Room precautions

**Mother's room; infant in incubator**  
> 6 ft from mom  
Airborne + eye protection

**Bank breast milk**

Feeding

**Bank breast milk**

**Father/labor support person**  
considered direct contact,  
cannot visit

Visitation

**Father/labor support person**  
wears PPE in room but does  
not care for infant

## Management of Infants Admitted to NICU

Infant does not require  
respiratory support

Infant on respiratory support  
(non-invasive or ETT)

**Single patient room or semi-  
private room with curtain**  
Infant in incubator droplet, contact  
and eye protection precautions

Room precautions

**Negative pressure room**  
Infant in incubator  
N95+ eye protection

**Bank breast milk**

Feeding

**Bank breast milk**

**Father/labor support person**  
considered direct contact,  
cannot visit until mom rules out

Visitation

**Father/labor support person**  
considered direct contact, cannot  
visit until mom rules out

