

COVID-19 ADULT REFUSAL CRITERIA

Does patient meet COVID-19 criteria?

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Other upper respiratory and flu-like symptoms
- Muscle/Body aches
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting
- Chest pain

If NO, treat per protocols

YES

Is patient stable?

- Is patient fully awake and oriented?
- Is BP between 100-180 systolic?
- Is HR between 50-120?
- Is RR between 10-22 with no cyanosis, pallor or distress?
- Is SPO2 92% or higher with exertion?

If NO, consider transport

YES

Is patient high risk?

- Is patient not able to keep fluids down?
- Has other complaints like chest pain, trauma, stroke, bleeding?
- Is patient pregnant?
- Is patient 60 years or older?
- Does patient live in a LTC or nursing facility?
- Does patient have a preexisting chronic condition (lung, cardiac, liver, asthma, neuro, dialysis, HTN, diabetic) or is immunocompromised?

If YES, consider transport

NO

Recommend and Suggest

- Acetaminophen be administered per package instructions for fever reduction if not allergic.
- Stay hydrated.
- Stay home and rest for 72 hours after fever is gone or 7 days from symptom start-whichever is longer
- Maintain self isolation from family and perform frequent and proper hygiene.
- Call 911 back if you experience difficulty breathing, dizziness, chest pain, abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, confusion.
- Seek medical attention if you get better but the symptoms--especially coughing--return.

Document and Notify

- Give patient instructions and handouts.
- Complete patient care report and refusal documentation including S&S, 1-2 sets of vital signs, instructions given, notifications made, crew members involved, PPE used, etc.
 - Obtain patient demographics including current phone number.
- Notify department, if required.