

PATIENTS testing POSITIVE for RESPIRATORY VIRUSES including RELEASE FROM ISOLATION – Adults and Children

Admit to RESPIRATORY cohort bays or side-room in general ward or speciality area.
CONSIDER postponing emergency/elective surgery.

RELEASE from ISOLATION Immunocompromised*

NO

- **COVID / FLU** - Minimum 5 days isolation. Release after 5 days if clinically improved and free of fever for 24 hours.
- **RSV** - Until asymptomatic.
- Maximum 10 days isolation.
- No further testing required.

YES

Minimum 5 days isolation. Release from isolation following resolution of symptoms for 24 hours.
Viral shedding can be prolonged in immunocompromised patients.
For advice on prolonging isolation please contact micro / ID.

*Immunocompromised refers to patients who are unlikely to mount an effective vaccine response, including haemato-oncology and solid organ or stem cell or bone marrow transplant patients, and those on disease modifying agents, steroids and immunomodulating monoclonal antibody therapies.