

Memorandum

To:	Home Based Care Division, Hospital Based Care Division, Joint Response Team
From:	Kelley Rayner, HPEI Operations Branch Director, COVID-19 Joint Response Team
Date:	April 9 th , 2020
Subject:	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Guidance on transfer and management of COVID-19 positive long-term or community care residents

The following interim direction is provided to all healthcare workers regarding COVID-19 cases in long-term or community care facilities until such time a longer-term solution is established.

While a longer term plan is established to accommodate long-term care patients that have tested positive for COVID-19 the following information is provided to health care workers within the hospital and home based divisions and serves as an **interim plan effective April 9, 2020**. The plan to move residents with COVID-19 aims to minimize the spread of this illness and the associated burden on the PEI health care system.

Two separate scenarios for now may change if resource issues:

1. Resident of a long-term or community care facility with possible COVID-19: symptoms **not significant enough** to require admission:
 - The RN or Island EMS paramedic to do in-house swab and send for a rapid test
 - If the test is positive transport to QEH/PCH for admission
2. Resident of a long-term or community care facility with possible COVID-19: symptoms **significant enough** to require admission
 - The RN or Island EMS paramedic to in- house swab and then Island EMS transports patient to QEH/PCH

Please contact Kelley Rayner at 902-314-1237 if additional information is required.

Thank you.