



## Mount Sinai Health System criteria to take patients diagnosed with COVID-19 off COVID-19 specific transmission based precautions\*<sup>^</sup>

### In the inpatient setting, this process must be done in coordination with the Infection Prevention (IP) Department

- The patient has been afebrile (< 100.0 °F) for at least 72 hours without use of antipyretics **AND**
- Marked improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) **AND**
  - Severely immunocompromised and/or severe COVID-related illness
    - i. At least 20 days have passed since the onset of symptoms OR if asymptomatic, at least 20 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID-19 **OR**
    - ii. Negative results of a molecular assay (PCR) for SARS-CoV2 from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected > 24 hours apart
  - All other patients:
    - i. At least 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms OR if asymptomatic, at least 10 days have passed since the date of the first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test **OR**
    - ii. Negative results of a molecular assay (PCR) for SARS-CoV2 from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected > 24 hours apart

\*Patients who have recovered and meet criteria for removing transmission based precautions should not undergo repeat COVID diagnostic testing for screening (e.g. on readmission, prior to procedure) regardless of the date of the prior positive diagnostic test given the possibility of repeat positive PCR test results without correlation to infectivity. A repeat test should **only** be sent if the patient presents again with a clinical syndrome concerning for reinfection.

<sup>^</sup>Exceptions may be made at IP discretion.

This policy is subject to change based upon updated information from the CDC, NYS Department of Health, and other sources.