Emergency Resident Transfers during COVID-19

Receive request for emergency transfer of resident(s)

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Communicate about space and staff availability (including designated COVID-19 area, staffing, and PPE)

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Adequate space/staff to safely admit and cohort? — No → Decline transfer; transfer facility escalates to local/state authority*

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Accept transfer of resident(s) and communicate with transfer facility re: transfer information such as transportation, medical records, medications, etc.

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Receive resident(s) in designated areas; ensure residents are wearing appropriate PPE

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Cohort residents by COVID-19 status and place in designated areas

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Green Area
COVID-19 negative with no known exposure and/or COVID-19 recovered

Place in rooms or units that do not include confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases, but may include COVID-19 recovered individuals

Yellow Areas
- COVID-19 exposed undergoing monitoring and serial testing (yellow-exposed area)
- New admission undergoing 14-day observation (yellow-observation area)

Place in single-occupancy rooms or multi-occupancy room with 6 ft, or as far as possible, between beds and curtains closed

Red Area
COVID-19 positive
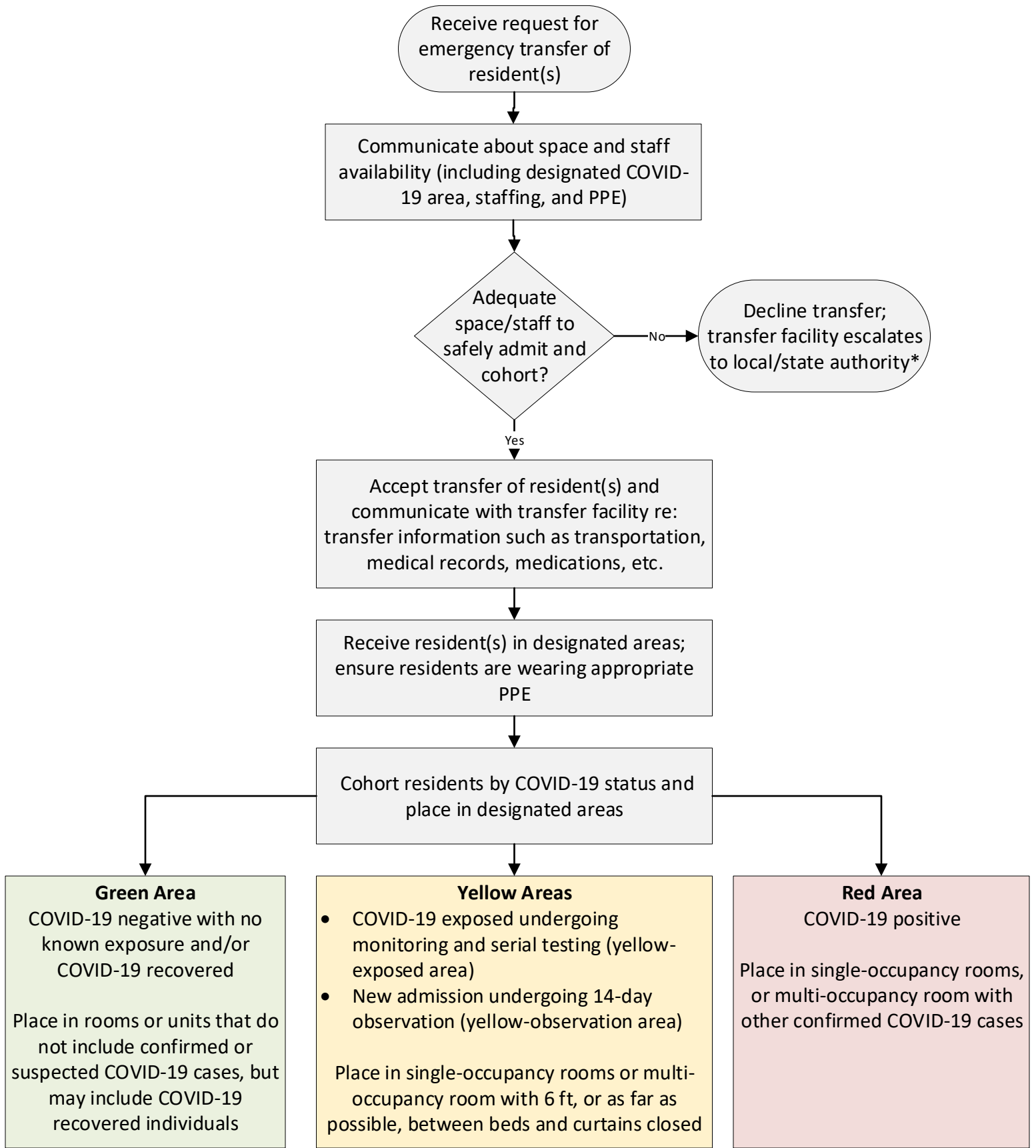
Place in single-occupancy rooms, or multi-occupancy room with other confirmed COVID-19 cases

*Coordination with local/state emergency authorities may include temporary relocation to an alternate care site or fairground until a more permanent placement can be found.

Note: Symptomatic residents who have not yet been confirmed with a positive COVID-19 test should be prioritized for single-occupancy rooms