



Transfer Criteria to Send a Patient from a Congregate Care Setting to a Local Emergency Department

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When the resident of a congregate care facility becomes ill and needs to be assessed for hospitalization (see criteria below), please call ahead to the applicable Transfer Center for the health system where the patient will be going to provide notice that a COVID-confirmed/suspected patient is being transported to an emergency department.

Asymptomatic COVID-confirmed/suspected patients should not be sent to an emergency department.

- Mount Carmel Transfer Center: 614-546-3328
- OhioHealth Transfer Center: 614-533-4211
- OSU Wexner Medical Center Transfer Center: 614-293-4444

Transfer of a COVID-confirmed/suspected congregate care resident to a local emergency department should be considered when one or more of the following is present:

- A new oxygen deficit to keep pulse ox >95%
 - Starting oxygen for a patient not previously on oxygen
 - Increased oxygen flow rate for a patient previously on oxygen
- Tachypnea at > 30 breaths per minute
- Symptomatic hypotension with systolic BP < 100
- Tachycardia at > 125 beats per minute at rest

For agencies in counties outside of Franklin County- please call your local hospital with report prior to transporting to the emergency department.



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