

Medical Isolation of COVID-19 Cases



As soon as an individual develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should wear a face mask and should be immediately placed under medical isolation in a separate environment from other individuals

Keep the individual's movement outside the medical isolation space to an absolute minimum

- Provide medical care to cases inside the medical isolation space
- Serve meals to cases inside the medical isolation space
- Exclude the individual from all group activities
- Assign the isolated individual a dedicated bathroom when possible

Ensure that the individual is wearing a face mask at all times when outside of the medical isolation space and whenever another individual enters

Provide clean masks as needed

Masks should be changed at least daily and when visibly soiled or wet

In order of preference, individuals under medical isolation should be housed:

1. Separately, in single cells with solid walls and solid doors that close fully
2. Separately, in single cells with solid walls but without solid doors
3. As a cohort, in a large, well-ventilated cell with solid walls and a solid door that closes fully
4. As a cohort, in a large, well-ventilated cell with solid walls but without a solid door
5. As a cohort, in single cells without solid walls or solid doors preferably with an empty cell between occupied cells
6. As a cohort, in multi-person cells without solid walls or solid doors and safely transfer individual(s) to another facility with available medical isolation capacity in one of the above arrangements

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [NCCHC.ORG/COVID-RESOURCES](https://www.nccchc.org/covid-resources)

