

EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDING BLANKET WAIVER ON NEGATIVE PRESSURE ISOLATION ROOMS

The Indiana State Department of Health's March 22, 2020 "COVID-19 National/State Emergency Hospital Blanket Waiver: Conversion of Standard Patient Rooms to Negative Pressure Isolation Rooms (Revised)" ("Isolation Waiver") is AMENDED as follows:

Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Isolation Waiver are stricken and replaced with the following:

8. Before a facility may use a room as a patient room with negative pressure ("PRNP"), the facility must check and confirm that the room has negative pressure. For as long as the room is used as a PRNP, the facility shall implement and maintain some type of monitoring system/device/process to help ensure continuous negative pressure.
9. (a) Each PRNP must have a visual monitoring mechanism that displays the room's pressure status. If no visual mechanism is available because of product shortages or other factors beyond the facility's control, the facility shall check and log the pressure of the PRNP at least once daily using an alternate method of verification such as a handheld device (e.g., a Vaneometer or differential pressure meter or gauge), smoke test, tissue test or "ball in the wall."
(b) If any pressure check reveals that a PRNP does not have negative pressure, the facility shall place the patient in reverse isolation and take prompt steps to restore negative pressure. If negative pressure is not restored within four (4) hours, and the patient's condition continues to warrant negative pressure, the facility must relocate the patient to a different PRNP.

In all other respects, the Isolation Waiver is unchanged and remains in full effect.

SO ORDERED on the date set forth below.

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State Health Commissioner

By: 
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Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation

Date: April 8, 2020