

Beginning the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, MSH will start placing wristbands on patients who are considered PUIs or who test positive for COVID-19.

The following steps outline the wristband placement process:



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Any patient who is deemed a PUI or a COVID-19 positive patient by provider assessment should receive the blue-striped wrist band pictured above. **If a physician/NP/PA/RN places a wristband on a patient, it is critical that they alert the bedside clinical staff or provider team.**
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The blue-striped wristband may only be applied by:

  - A physician/NP/PA who has validated the PUI or COVID-19 positive status by conducting a COVID-19 screening assessment **or**
  - A RN who reviewed the physician/NP/PA COVID-19 screening assessment in MedConnect.
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The blue-striped wristband is to be utilized in any hospital setting that a patient's PUI or COVID-19 positive status is determined, including but not limited to the Emergency Department and nursing units.
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When a patient is ruled in for COVID-19, the blue-striped wristband is continued throughout the hospital stay. The blue-striped wristband will be left on when PUI and COVID-19 positive patients are transferred from one MedStar hospital to another.
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The following are criteria for wristband discontinuation:

  - **If the patient is ruled out for COVID-19 but continues to be hospitalized:** the blue-striped wristband is removed by the patient's RN after confirming patient has ruled out for COVID-19.
    - For example, the RN sees the MedConnect banner bar is negative for COVID-19 (shown below) and sees the isolation order related to COVID-19 is discontinued in MedConnect (shown below).
    - Note: patients who are suspected to have another infectious disease may have isolation continued after COVID-19 is ruled out.*
    - If unsure, the RN will check with the physician/NP/PA covering the patient.
  - **The wristband is removed at time of discharge regardless of COVID-19 status.**



Order Name	Status	Dose ...	Details
Patient Isolation	Discontinued		Droplet Precautions, 03/19/20 15:14:00 EDT
Isolation Initiation/Discontinuation Documentation	Ordered		One Time, Stop Date 03/19/20 15:15:35 EDT, ... S This order was placed by Discern Expert.
Isolation Initiation/Discontinuation Documentation	Ordered		One Time, Stop Date 03/19/20 15:14:00 EDT, ... S This order was placed by Discern Expert.