

# Western Health Short Stay Unit Admission QRG



COVID - 19

Be Safe -- Be Smart -- Be Kind

**Exclusion Criteria for the Short Stay Units is as follows:**

1. **Those patients who meet the High-Risk (Appendix 1) criteria for Diagnosis of COVID 19**

**Figure 1: Emergency Medicine COVID 19 High Risk and Low Risk sorting Algorithm**

**Important:** patients with the following conditions, that are commonly associated with **Shortness Of Breath (High Risk)** can be admitted to the Short Stay Unit.

- Congestive Cardiac Failure
- Acute Asthma Exacerbation
- Pulmonary Embolism

**Admission must be approved by a Consultant Emergency Physician or the Senior Registrar in Charge on Night Duty.**

**Note:** these patients should be placed on contact and droplet precautions.

**2. And/Or patients who meet the following criteria:**

- Vital signs meet MET call criteria
- Major co-morbidity
- COPD on home oxygen
- Dialysis
- Medium to high grade heart failure requiring ward admission
- Transplant
- Active cancer, with or without chemotherapy
- IVDU
- High care needs – excepting those purely awaiting transport back to RACF (consider transit lounge)
- Third presentation in less than 1 week

**In all cases admission exceptions can be granted by a Consultant Emergency Physician or the Senior Registrar in Charge on Night Duty.**

**IMPORTANT: SUNSHINE EMERGENCY MENTAL  
HEALTH MODEL OF CARE NOT OPERATIONAL  
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## Appendix 1:

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