Inpatient to Baltimore Convention Center Field Hospital (BCCFH)

Patient Admission Policy

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This policy outlines criteria for appropriate patient admission at the BCCFH.

BCCFH Intake Criteria

This policy outlines patient transfer intake criteria from emergency departments and hospital inpatients.

Characteristics of patients admitted to the BCCFH include:

- Hospitalized or emergency department patients who are not critically ill, improving from diagnosed COVID-19 infection
  - (e.g. no requirement for monitoring, no ventilator, no IV infusions)
- Patients 18 years or older
- If AM-PAC score is > 13 and < 18 then patient can be considered for admission, requires evaluation by triage team prior to transfer
- If AM-PAC score is > 19 then patient is eligible for admission to BCCFH
- If patient is a current tobacco user, patient is willing to cease or accept nicotine replacement alternatives (i.e. patches, gum, etc.) for the entire duration of their stay at the BCCFH
- Patients who do not have unstable behavioral health concerns including but not limited to psychosis, advanced and/or moderate dementia, awaiting guardianship, decision making incapacity, delirium, suicidality or requires a sitter
- Patients who do not require scheduled respiratory therapy using nebulizer, BiPAP or CPAP
- Patient can be on maximum of 4/L Oxygen via nasal cannula with an oxygen saturation no lower than 92%
- Patients who do not have a history of IPV, sexual abuse, PTSD or other low-severity behavioral health diagnosis or would not do well in a crowded environment with close living quarters
- Because of the risk of infectious spread, we cannot take patients with persistent vomiting or diarrhea or known infectious gastroenteritis
- And at least initially, we cannot take patients who require scheduled hemodialysis

Admission review will also rest upon discretion of CMO, CNO or assigned LIP. All patients should have a known or pending COVID-19 testing status prior to transfer