Flow Diagram for Hospitalized Patients Being Discharged to a Long-term Care Facility

Does the hospital patient have a documented COVID-19 diagnosis/test?

- Yes
  - Does patient meet criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions?¹
    - Yes
      - Transfer to medically appropriate facility able to follow CDC guidance.
    - No
      - Transfer to facility able to follow CDC guidance on monitor and care for residents with COVID 19.³
  - No

- No, test was negative

- Unknown/not tested. Does patient have signs/symptoms of COVID-19?
  - No²
  - Transfer to medically appropriate facility able to follow CDC guidance for managing new admissions/readmissions.
  - Yes
    - Obtain test results and repeat algorithm

2. CMS states testing can be considered if available. Testing should be considered in non-surge scenarios. Since the ability to detect transmission is limited during the incubation phase, a negative test does not rule out COVID-19 and patients should still be placed on 14-day transmission precautions when transferred to long-term care.
3. Check with facility to determine if patients who require aerosolizing procedures, e.g. nebulizer treatment, are appropriate for transfer.