

<b>SUBJECT:</b> RETURN TO STOCK OF MEDICATIONS OR PHARMACY PROPERTY POTENTIALLY EXPOSED TO COVID-19	<b>REFERENCE</b>
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### 1.0 PURPOSE:

1.1. The purpose of this policy is to standardize the return and sterilization process of medications or pharmacy property back to the central pharmacy that has been potentially exposed to COVID-19.

### 2.0 POLICY:

2.1. All pharmacy related items (medications, bins, trays, kits, boxes, products in return bins, etc) that are sourced from designated COVID-19 areas or from Patient's Under Investigation (PUIs) will be quarantined and sterilized before returning to inventory. All items may not be deemed returnable to inventory; the determination will be decided upon by pharmacy management.

2.2. For emergency boxes/trays/kits, it is the responsibility of the nursing unit of origin to communicate the potential contamination of the supplies to a member of the pharmacy department.

### 3.0 PROCEDURE:

#### 3.1. Emergency boxes (RSI, Yellow Cardiac/Trauma Box)

- Wear gloves at all times when handling a box returned from a potential COVID-19 exposure
- On a designated counter space remove all contents of the box and place all contents in a plastic bag and seal the bag
- Wipe outside of bag with 70% alcohol solution and let air dry
- Disinfect/Clean the box with a 70% alcohol solution and let air dry
- Clean the counter surface with 70% alcohol solution and let air dry
- Remove gloves using appropriate technique and discard
- Immediately wash your hands using appropriate technique
- Restock the clean box with new supplies
- Label the plastic bag with potentially contaminated supplies with the current day's date and place it in the designate COVID-19 red tote
- 5 days after being returned and sealed inside bag, medications will be thoroughly wiped with 70% IPA and returned to stock as determined by pharmacy management

#### 3.2 Medications/Yellow CDAR forms from Acudose return bin or patient specific bins

- Don and Doff all appropriate PPE when entering COVID-19 designated areas
- Wear gloves at all times when collecting and handling medications returned from a potential COVID-19 exposure
- Place all medications in a plastic bag(s) and seal the bag(s)
- Exit the unit via the ante room
- Once in the anteroom, wipe down the outside of the bag(s) with "grey top" Sani-Cloth germicidal disposable wipes
- Wipe down ante room handle and doff PPE according to policy

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- Once back in the pharmacy, label the plastic bag with potentially contaminated supplies with the current day's date and place it in the designate COVID-19 red tote
- 5 days after being returned and sealed inside bag, medications will be thoroughly wiped with 70% IPA and returned to stock as determined by pharmacy management
  - Remove CDAR from sealed bag if applicable and file with other CDARs in the department.