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# Goals of service for covid-19 care facilities

[Capable of providing supplemental oxygen] :

COVID-19 Care Facilities are created to keep patients with mild or moderate severity COVID-19 patients safely out of hospitals.

## There are three main goals:

1. Supporting patients away from hospitals when it is possible to safely do so with scientifically sound treatments
2. Recognizing early patients that are getting sicker or are at a risk of getting sicker despite treatment, so they can be promptly transferred to a hospital with higher level of care
3. Monitoring patients discharged from hospitals who do not require hospitalization but would benefit from close monitoring before going home

These facilities are ONLY for patients who will require oxygen support, or are expected to immediately need it, and not for low-risk patients with mild disease who are not hypoxic.

## These facilities must be monitored by trained healthcare staff that are capable of:

- Delivering the appropriate amount of oxygen and using the correct equipment for the correct amount of time
- Administering the patient's regular home medications per schedule
- Administering oral steroid doses when indicated (see Dexamethasone Protocol)
- Proning the patient appropriately when medically warranted
- Recognizing warning signs for referring patients to higher levels of care

**Patients should not be denied treatment if they are symptomatic when local incidence of COVID-19 infections is high and testing is not available or delayed.**

