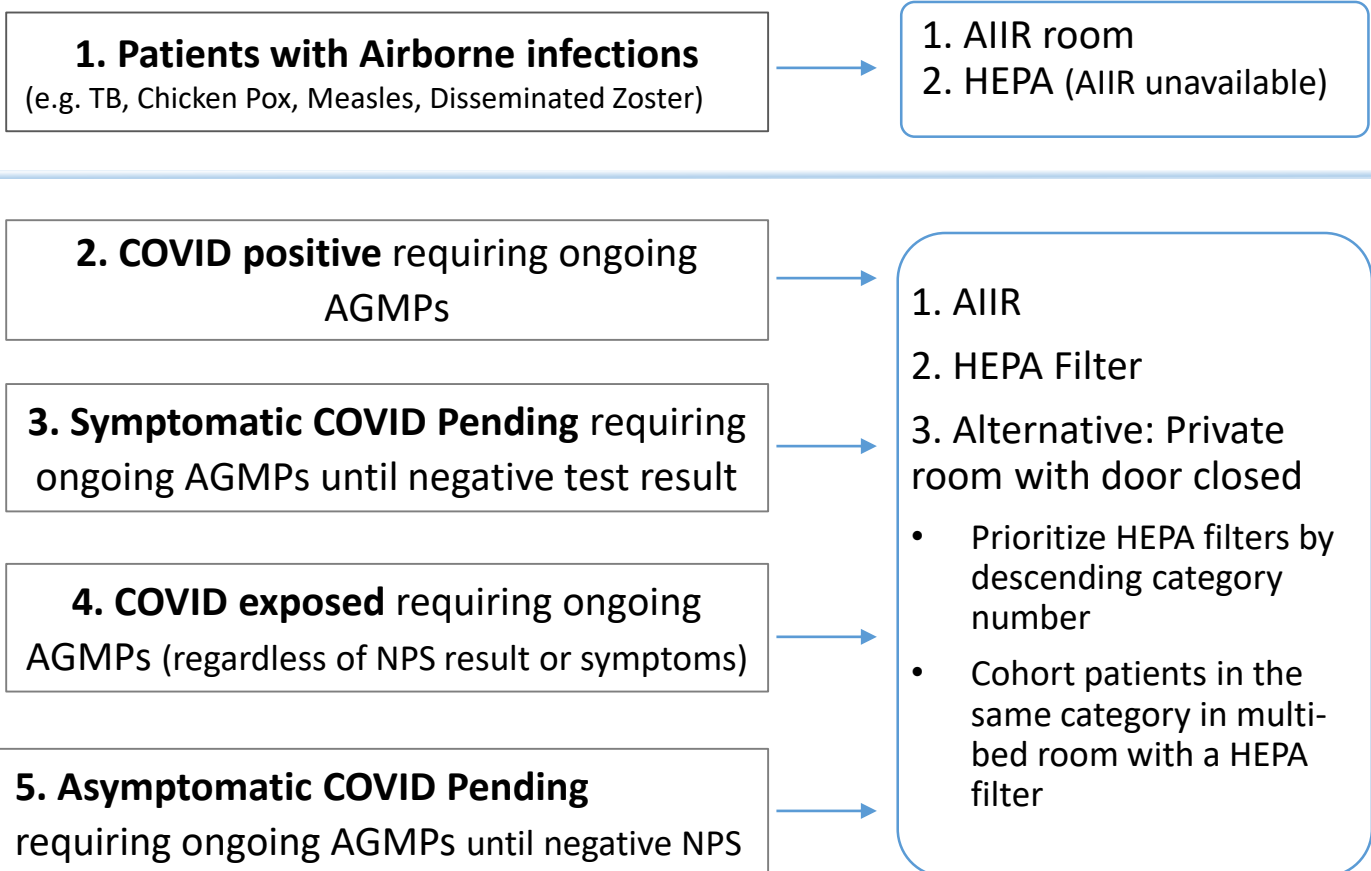


- A portable HEPA filtration unit is a portable air purification system used to clean the air and lower microbial counts
- It is used as a substitute for negative pressure Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIR) for airborne pathogens
- It is used for **ongoing AGMPs** for COVID positive/pending patients as an additional safeguard, however per public health a single patient room with the door closed, and staff wearing N95s is adequate protection
 - Refer to 'AGMPs of Relevance during COVID' document for ongoing AGMP list.
 - Transient AGMPs (e.g., intubation) do not require a HEPA filter
- Patients requiring ongoing AGMPs who have recovered from COVID-19 and are no longer in additional precautions do not require a HEPA filter

HEPA Filter Prioritization based on Category



Visiting a COVID positive or pending patient requiring an ongoing AGMP

- Is restricted as visitors are not N95 mask fitted
- If the AGMP can be held to accommodate a visit, or there are extenuating circumstances (e.g. pediatric or for compassionate reasons), an exception can be authorized by the clinical manager or delegate. In such a circumstance, consultation with Infection Control should occur as reporting this as an exposure to Public Health may be necessary. Visitors will be given a medical mask.
- Visitors are allowed once the patient is out of precautions, or patient no longer requires an ongoing AGMP