



DROPLET AEROSOL PRECAUTIONS



In addition to Standard Precautions

RESTRICTED VISITATION – SEE NURSE

All Staff Must:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room



Respirator

Use a NIOSH-approved N95 or CAPR or higher-level respirator



Wear eye protection

(face shield or goggles)



Gown and glove at door

Facilities should follow CDC's PPE Optimization Strategies to conserve PPE.



KEEP DOOR CLOSED



**Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment
Clean and disinfect shared equipment**

Contact Infection Control prior to discontinuing Precautions

Droplet Aerosol Precautions

If patient has diarrhea and/or C. difficile add Contact Enteric Precautions

LIMIT VISITORS AND DOCUMENT STAFF WHO HAS CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT WITHOUT PROPER PPE AND NOTIFY EMPLOYEE HEALTH.

Display sign outside the door. At patient discharge, remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

For use with: Novel respiratory viruses such as COVID-19 or influenza strains

Visitors: Procedural mask is acceptable for visitors. Please consult Infection Prevention for further PPE recommendations.

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential supplies in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Minimize use of cellphones/pagers.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including intravenous pumps, cellphone or pagers (if used in room), and other electronics, supplies, and other equipment prior to removing from patient's room.
- Ensure blood pressure cuff and stethoscope are cleaned and disinfected between patients.

Waste and Linen Management:

For COVID-19, follow local and state public health guidelines Category B for medical waste handling. Bag linen in the patient's room.

Private Room:

If not available, room with patients that have the same organism but no other infection.

Room Cleaning:

Routine cleaning procedures with addition of cubical curtain changes per hospital procedure.

Transport:

Essential transport only. Patient should remain in room except for medical necessity. Patient should wash their hands. Place patient in clean gown. Place surgical mask on patient. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Facilities should follow CDC's PPE Optimization Strategies to conserve PPE.

Droplet Aerosol

Put ON in this order: 1. Wash or gel hands 2. CAPR (only if applicable) 3. Gown 4. N95/Respirator 5. Eye protection 6. Gloves	For gown with ties in back, Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gloves 2. Eye protection 3. N95/Respirator 4. Gown 5. If CAPR worn, leave room and close door before doffing and disinfecting CAPR 6. Wash or gel hands (even though gloves used)	For wraparound gown, Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gown, take care to not touch clothing during removal 2. Gloves 3. Wash or gel hands before touching face 4. Eye protection 5. N95/Respirator 6. If CAPR worn, leave room and close door before doffing and disinfecting CAPR 7. Wash or gel hands (even though gloves used)
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