



AEROSOL CONTACT PRECAUTIONS



(In addition to Standard Precautions)

Only essential personnel should enter this room

(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)

Everyone Must: including visitors, doctors & staff



Clean hands when entering and leaving room



Respirator

Use a NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirator especially during aerosolizing procedures*

Wear eye Protection
(face shield or goggles)



Gown and glove at door



KEEP DOOR CLOSED



Use patient-dedicated or disposable equipment

Clean & disinfect shared equipment

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

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

For use with:

- Novel respiratory viruses including COVID-19.

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential equipment in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Minimize use of cellphones/pagers.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including intravenous pumps, cell phone 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 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 cubicle 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.

Put ON in this order:	Take OFF & dispose in this order:
1. WASH or GEL HANDS (even if gloves used)	1. Gloves
2. Gown	2. Gown
3. Respirator and eye cover	3. WASH or GEL HANDS
4. Gloves	4. Respirator and eye cover: Remove from earpiece or ties to discard - do not grab from front of respirator.
	5. WASH or GEL HANDS (even if gloves used)