Airborne Respirator Precautions

You or your loved one is in Airborne Respirator Precautions. These precautions prevent spread of N-95 infection between residents in LTCFs. This type of infection is spread by breathing any droplets in the air that carry germs.

A blue/pink sign saying “Airborne Respirator Precautions” is outside the room letting staff, families, and visitors know what they can do to help keep residents safe.

As a resident, family, or visitor you must help by:
• **Checking with the nurse before entering the room for the first time.**
• Keeping the door to the room closed.
• Cleaning hands when you enter and leave the room.
• Wearing a mask unless otherwise instructed by staff.
• Asking doctors and staff to wash or sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the room even if they are using gloves.
• Limiting visitors to close contacts only.

You will see doctors and staff doing the following:

**Hand Hygiene**
• Cleaning hands before and after caring for the resident.

**Gloves, Gowns, Masks, Goggles**
• They must wear a special mask when entering the room.
• Might wear gloves, gowns, and goggles while in the room and remove them on leaving.

**Transportation**
• If the resident needs to go out of the room, staff will clean their hands and help the resident put on a surgical mask.

If you have additional questions about Airborne Respirator Precautions, ask your nurse.

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