

RESIDENT, FAMILY, AND VISITORS

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.