



# AIRBORNE RESPIRATOR PRECAUTIONS



(In addition to Standard Precautions)

**RESTRICTED VISITATION**

*(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)*

## Everyone Must:



Clean hands when entering  
and leaving room

## Doctors and Staff Must:



Wear CAPR/PAPR or  
fitted N95 mask prior  
to entering room



## Patient Placement

Airborne Infection  
Isolation Room Required  
(negative pressure)

Keep door closed



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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.

## Common Conditions:

- Pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis
- Novel organisms as designated by CDCs

**Prefer Family and Visitors to visit only if previously exposed**

## Airborne Infection Isolation Room:

Comply with Facility Policy regarding airflow monitoring.

## Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

## Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential equipment in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- 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.

## Linen Management:

Bag linen in patient's room.

## Personal Protective Equipment:

Put **ON** in this order:

1. Wash or gel hands
2. PAPR or fitted N-95 mask

Take **OFF** & dispose in this order:

1. PAPR or fitted N-95 mask
2. Wash or gel hands (even if gloves used)

## Room Cleaning:

After patient is discharged, leave sign posted and door closed for one hour to allow room air to circulate. If unsure, consult facility, engineering or other appropriate department. Then follow facility policy for Airborne Respirator Precautions disinfection and curtain change requirements.

## Transport:

Essential transport only. Have patient wear a surgical mask. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

**Discontinue precautions as per Facility Policy or Infection Prevention and Control Team.**