



DROPLET PRECAUTIONS



(In addition to Standard Precautions)
(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)

Everyone Must:



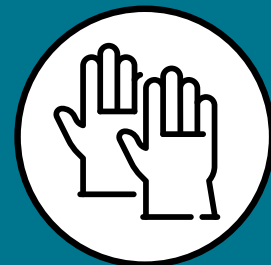
Clean hands when
entering and leaving room



Wear mask

Doctors and Staff Must:

Wear eye protection with respiratory symptoms and standard precautions if contact with secretions likely.



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

Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

Common Conditions (refer to Facility Policy):

- Influenza
- Meningitis
- Pertussis
- Respiratory viruses
- Mumps

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:

Standard and Tear-away Gown	Three-part Gown
Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. Gown (if needed) 3. Mask 4. Eye cover (if needed) 5. Gloves (if needed)	Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. Gown (if needed) 3. Mask 4. Eye cover (if needed) 5. Gloves (if needed)
Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gloves (if used) 2. Eye cover (if used) 3. Gown (if used) 4. Mask 5. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> (even if gloves used)	Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gown and Gloves at the same time (grab gown and pull off gloves in one movement) 2. Eye cover (if used) 3. Mask 5. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> (even if gloves used)

Private Room:

If not available, please follow facility policy when cohorting patients.

Room Cleaning:

Follow facility policy for Droplet 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 instructions.