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:

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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.*