

ISOLATION



DROPLET/CONTACT PRECAUTIONS



In addition to Standard Precautions

Only essential personnel should enter this room

Everyone Must: including visitors, doctors, and staff



Clean hands: when entering and exiting



Gown



N95 Respirator

(Facemask acceptable if N95 not available; fit tested N-95 or higher required for AGPs)



Eye Protection

(face shield or goggles)



Gloves



KEEP DOOR CLOSED

(If not on dedicated and physically separated unit)



Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment.

Clean and disinfect shared equipment.

Contact Infection Preventionist prior to discontinuing Precautions



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Display sign outside the door or dedicated unit. At patient discharge, remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

For use with:

Respiratory viruses including COVID-19

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential supplies in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Minimize use of cellphones/pagers.
- 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.

Waste and Linen Management:

For COVID-19, follow local and state public health guidelines Category B for medical waste handling. Bag linen in the patient's room.

Private Room:

If not available, only cohort with patients that are colonized or infected with the same organism(s).

Room Cleaning:

Routine cleaning procedures with addition of cubical curtain changes per facility procedure. Refer to [List N](#) on the EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2.

Transport:

Essential transport only. Patient should remain in room except for medical necessity. Patient should wash their hands. Place patient in clean gown. Place surgical mask on patient. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle/equipment. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Personal Protective Equipment:

