

Guidelines for Management of Patients on Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact

Signs	Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact
Definition	Organisms of consequence that are transmitted by droplet, airborne, and contact with patient or patient's environment.
Examples	COVID-19: Confirmed positive COVID test. R/O COVID-19: Symptoms consistent with COVID disease and close contact with confirmed positive case (such as household member) or specimen sent for testing for COVID-19
Special considerations	Essential personnel only to be allowed room entry (direct care team only i.e. MD, APRN, RN, RT)
	All personnel entering room will be recorded on a room entry log.
	All other team members to limit exposure to patient to "as needed" basis. Consider alternative means of communication (cell phone, skype, etc.) Isolation can be de-escalated as needed per clinician's evaluation/assessment.
Patient placement	R/O COVID-19: Regular patient room with door closed.
	COVID-19: Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR); if AIIR not available, place in negative pressure room or regular patient room with door closed.
	AIIRs: ACH: 3A-23, 3A-26, 3D-03, 3D-04, 3D-05, 4C-05, 4C-06, 4C-07, 4D-05, & 4D-06; ACNW: ED 6&7; Inpatient 17&20.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Routine Care: Regular Mask, Eye Protection, Gown, & Gloves.
	Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGP): N95 (or PAPR), Eye Protection, Gown, & Gloves. N95/PAPR to be worn while in room for 60 min after completion of AGP, then discard N95 or clean PAPR. Discard contaminated gloves immediately after AGP is completed, perform hand hygiene, and don new gloves if continuing to work in the patient's room.
	Reuse PPE in accordance with PPE conservation guidelines. Gloves and N95 masks are to be discarded after AGP.
Family-centered Rounds	Essential personnel only (no students). Limit entries to room. Discourage pre-rounding.
Medical equipment (includes COW)	No sharing if possible. Emergency items including crashcarts, defibrillators, etc. must be cleaned per Manufacturer Instructions For Use (MIFU).
Laundry mgmt	Deposit into regular linen.
Waste mgmt	PPE in general trash.
Food service delivery	Do not enter room – find caregiver or nursing staff.
Patient activities	In room activities only. No animal assisted therapy. No volunteers.
Visitors	Limit to one visitor if possible; visitor to be sequestered to room (provide meals/hydration in room). Visitor to be masked if necessary to leave room.

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Patient transport	Limit to medically essential purposes. Notify receiving area in advance. Mask patient and accompanying caregiver. Cover patient with a clean sheet. Transporter to wear full PPE (regular mask, gown, gloves, face shield) when transferring patient to mode of transport. PPE (except mask) to be removed in the room. Transporter to wear regular mask while in close contact with patient. Receiving personnel: to wear full PPE (regular mask, gown, gloves, face shield) while in contact with the patient.
EVS	<p>Limit to designated personnel.</p> <p>DAILY ROOM CLEAN: Nursing staff to perform daily room clean of high touch surfaces with hospital approved disinfectant. <i>(See appendix A below.)</i></p> <p>WEEKLY ROOM CLEAN: EVS to perform additional daily clean every 7 days until patient discharged.</p> <p>DISCHARGE ROOM CLEAN: Nursing staff (in full PPE) to clean medical equipment after patient discharge; remove any cleaned medical equipment that does not need to stay in the room; delay EVS entry until 60 min after medical equipment has been cleaned. EVS personnel (in full PPE: regular mask, gown, gloves, face shield) to begin cleaning 60 minutes after nursing staff completes their portion of cleaning. Cleaning process should not include spraying or splashing. PPE to be removed upon room exiting. Utilize UV light disinfection after room is cleaned by EVS.</p>

Appendix A

Clean all high touch surfaces/equipment each shift. Including, but not limited to:
Computer keyboard, mouse, scanner
IV pole, pump, and cord
NIBP Monitor and cables
Wall medical equipment: Hill rom call button, Oto/Ophthalmoscope (include cord/holder), medical gas knobs, and suction canister
IPad, bed rails, patient call button, patient phone
Emesis bag holder
Diaper weight scale
Cabinets and drawer handles
Door handles
All other medical equipment in the patient's room