

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS+

DROPLET + CONTACT ISOLATION

Prior to entering the room*:

*Visitors – see Nurse before entering









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PATIENTS in DROPLET + CONTACT ISOLATION

- Place in a PRIVATE ROOM, unless a shared space has been approved by Infection Prevention
- Must wear MASK over mouth and nose when outside patient room or care area
- Are encouraged to remain in the room except for essential purposes
- Unit policy permitting, continent, cooperative, and clean patients may ambulate in hallways after donning a clean hospital gown, mask (as above), covering affected area as applicable (e.g. wound), and cleaning hands; may NOT enter communal spaces (play/school room, solarium, cafeteria, etc.)

STAFF Caring for Patients in DROPLET + CONTACT ISOLATION	
ISOLATION	Place caddy outside patient • GOWNS • MASKS W/ FACE SHIELD • MASKS
CADDY	room containing: • GLOVES • GOGGLES/FACE SHIELDS • THIS SIGN
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WORKFLOW	 Use dedicated disposable equipment (e.g. stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, thermometer) when possible Clean non-disposable equipment with hospital-approved disinfecting wipe after each use Clean hands prior to donning personal protective equipment (PPE) Wear a gown, mask over mouth and nose, eye protection (safety goggles, fluid shield), and gloves upon entry to patient room or care area. Note: Eyeglasses are not a substitute for eye protection If High-Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures (HRAGP) needed, refer to Isolation Table for additional PPE and signage requirements for some Droplet-transmissible conditions See "Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment for High Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures" https://ehs.ucsf.edu/respiratory-protection-program-0 PPE Removal- PPE should be removed before exiting patient room or care area Grasp PPE in a manner that avoids contamination (Outside of PPE is contaminated) Remove gown and gloves, clean hands, then remove mask and eye protection (if wearing) and discard disposable PPE (Goggles may be disinfected and reused) Clean hands again after removal of PPE
TRANSPORT	 Notify receiving department of isolation status prior to transport Patient wears mask (pediatric patients unable to mask- cover crib with clean sheet), a clean hospital gown, covers affected area as applicable (e.g. wound), covers body with clean sheet, and cleans hands prior to exiting patient room or care area Transporter removes PPE and cleans hands (per above workflow) prior to exiting patient room or care area; if direct contact is anticipated, may wear gown, gloves, mask, and eye protection
ROOM CLEANING	 Don and doff PPE as above and clean per standard cleaning procedures Avoid room cleaning during and 1 hour after HRAGP, if applicable On discharge, Hospitality removes isolation sign when cleaning complete On patient discharge, Nursing removes and cleans isolation caddy
VISITORS	 Offer mask and eye protection with instructions; gown and gloves not required unless visiting other patients Instruct visitors to clean hands before entering and exiting patient room or care area

For additional information, indications for, and discontinuation of isolation, refer to "Standard and Transmission-based Isolation Policy" and "Isolation Table" at http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org or contact Infection Prevention at 415-353-4343.

