STANDARD PRECAUTIONS+

DROPLET ISOLATION

Prior to entering the room*:

*Visitors – see Nurse before entering

CLEAN HANDS

MASK

EYE PROTECTION

OR

MASK + EYE PROTECTION

OR
**PATIENTS in DROPLET 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, may ambulate in hallways after donning a clean hospital gown, mask (as above), and cleaning hands; may NOT enter communal spaces (play/school room, solarium, cafeteria, etc.)

**STAFF Caring for Patients in DROPLET ISOLATION**

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**WORKFLOW**

- Clean hands prior to donning personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Wear mask over mouth and nose and eye protection (safety goggles, fluid shield) 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](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/respiratory-protection-program-0)*

- PPE Removal- PPE should be removed before exiting patient room or care area
  - Clean hands prior to removing mask and eye protection
  - Grasp PPE in a manner that avoids contamination, remove 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, 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 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 discontinuation of isolation or patient discharge, *Nursing* removes and cleans isolation caddy

**VISITORS**

- Offer mask and eye protection with instructions
- 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](http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org) or contact Infection Prevention at 415-353-4343.