Building Capacity for Critical Care

Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Prevention (HEIP)

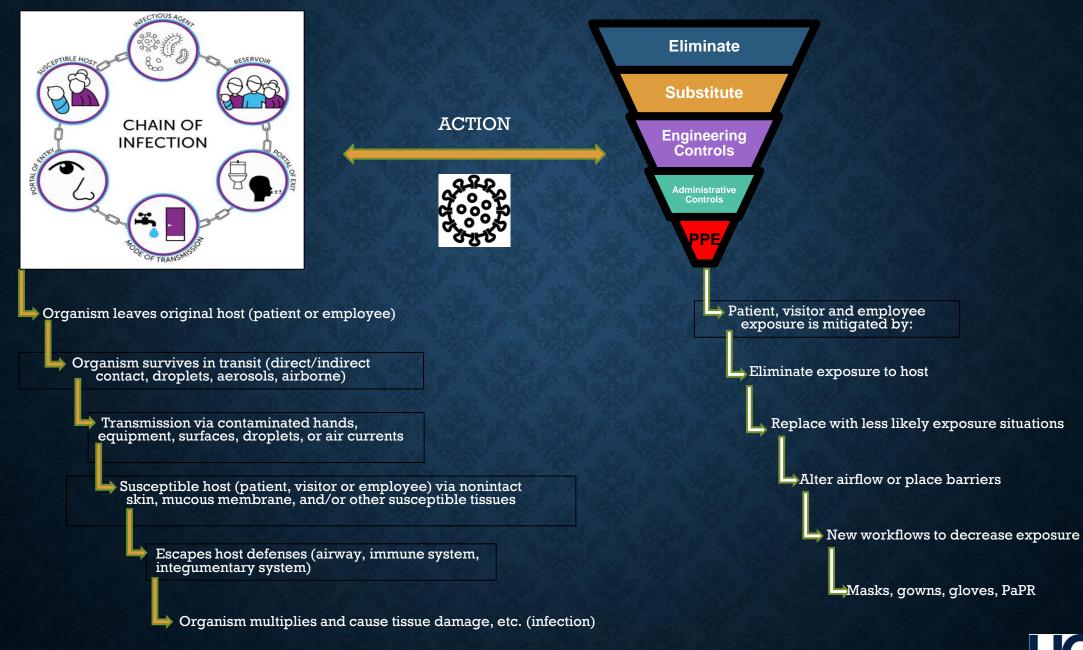
Critical Care Services

Using a Framework

For Pandemic

Readiness







Pandemic Response for Critical Care: **Hierarchy of Controls**

Most effective

Elimination

Physically Remove the Hazard

Substitution

Replace the Hazard

Engineering ControlsIsolate the Hazard from People

Administrative Controls

Change the Way People Work

PPE Protect People Using Barriers

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Airborne/Droplet
Transmission

Epidemic/Pandemic
Organism

Contact Transmission (Direct/Indirect)

Most effective

Elimination

Remove exposure to COVID-19

Substitution

Replace potential exposure with less likely exposure scenarios

Engineering Controls

Place barriers between people and infectious organism

Administrative Controls

Modify Care Protocols

PPE

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Elimination

Remove exposure to Epidemic/Pandemic Organism in Critical Care Units

Eliminate Unnecessary
Access to unit

Restrict visitors/no visitors to infected patients/group tasks

Cancel/delay elective admissions, procedures, and surgeries

Provide universal vaccination when available



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Substitution

Replace potential exposure with less likely exposure scenarios in Critical Care Units

Dedicate non-disposable items and utilize disposable when available (disposable bronchoscope)

Design/utilize signage specific to the causative organism

Establish travel pathways for patient transportation to other areas

Redeploy staff to supplement needed rounding, non-patient care tasks



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Engineering Controls

Isolate the infected and the infectious organism

Convert rooms to negative air to keep from the corridors and work areas (Facilities)

Check pressurization and airflow in areas with scrubbers, take pressure readings, doors closed (Facilities)

Erect physical barriers to keep people separated

Leaders provide feedback to staff regarding discrepancies or lapses



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Administrative Controls

Modify Care Protocols

Provide mechanisms to communicate effectively

Evaluate staffing in a fluid manner in anticipation of surges

Provide transparency with unions, employees and patients

Policies and workflows published and utilized



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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PPE training from HEIP, INEX, Unit Champions

N-95 Training and Preservation

Gowns – Disposable vs Washable

Support decisions around changes to PPE based on availability



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critical care



Eliminate unnecessary access to ICU units

- Leaders set up badge access for necessary/trained staff only
 Utilize video or e-Consults
- Rounding groups in rooms minimized to 1-2
- No students in clinical areas
- Remove excess items from rooms



Decrease exposures and group tasks

- Limit visitation to video calls; infected patients stay in room
- Meal tray delivery grouped with Nursing tasks
- Nursing, physicians, resp therapy, etc. group tasks so frequent room entry is eliminated/reduced
- Extend monitoring cables, tubing, etc. out of room if safe and able to do in a manner that does not allow contamination

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COVID-19 Visitor Guidance



UCSF Health COVID-19 Guidelines for Visitor Restrictions and Exceptions

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II. PURPOSE:

To ensure the safety of our patients and staff, and in compliance with the <u>San Francisco Ordinances on the Limitation of Hospital Visitors</u>, we continue to limit the entrance of visitors to our Hospital and Ambulatory sites

- UCSF will continue to limit when and where visitors are permitted and asks that only patients with specific
 caregiving needs bring a visitor with them when seeking medical care.
- The policy below clarifies the times when visitor restrictions can be lifted and clarifies the number and timing of allowed visitors
- Visitors who fail to comply with the policies below will be restricted from entering the premises

III. UCSF VISITOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

- A. General Visitation: Visitation for patient support without a "medical or caregiving necessity" is allowed only for patients in the Inpatient and Perioperative Areas. ED and Ambulatory visitors are only allowed "Necessary Visitation" as below. In approved areas under general visitation, patients regardless of condition, are allowed one visit per day. A patient may have up to one visitor on their approved list at one time.
 - In the adult hospitals, switches can be made to another visitor every 24 hours in the adult setting.
 Visitors to adult patients can stay for visitor hours only from 10AM 8PM and will be allowed to come and go on and off premises during visitor hours.
 - In the Children's Hospital and the Birth Center, general visitors (primary caregivers) can switch twice
 per day and are allowed 24 hours a day. During the time the caregivers are switching, both caregivers
 can be at the patient's bedside together for up to 30 mins.

Process:

<u>Ambulatory:</u> Ambulatory patients are not allowed general visitation. Please see allowed visitors below under necessary visitation.

<u>ED patients</u> The ED is unable to allow general visitation at this time. Only visitors meeting criteria for "necessary visitation" are allowed. Switches with other caregivers are not permitted, unless by exceptional circumstance.

<u>Procedural and Perioperative patients</u> will be allowed one visitor as part of a surgical admission, come-and-go surgery and procedures/radiology. Due to space constraints in our recovery rooms and PACUs, for all procedures, visitors will be encouraged to wait in one of the designated waiting areas in a socially distanced fashion or off-site if waiting areas are full and will not be allowed into the PACU/procedural area, unless there is a need that meets "Necessary Visitation" criteria below. For inpatient surgeries, the PACU or bedside RN will have the responsibility of adding a designated visitor to the list to enable them to enter once the patient is transferred to the floor. Visitors will not be allowed to wait on hospital floors.

<u>Inpatients</u> will be allowed one visitor on their approved list as per the restrictions above. A patient's bedside RN will have the ability to add a designated visitor to the list and then daily verify with patient and/or family the approved visitor for that day.



- Cancel/delay elective admits, procedures, transfers, and surgeries
 - Adjust staffing for decreased census d/t less elective patients /increased staffing for very ill infected patients
 - Provide workflows and documents that promote in-room procedures /surgeries for infected patients



Provide universal vaccination when available

- Occupational Health Services (OHS)
- Inpatient vaccination policy



- Dedicate disposable, wipeable items to infected patients
 - Cross-train staff
 - Disposable bronchoscope
 - Use zoom or tablets for patient caregiver interactions
 - Dedicate non-disposable items



- Design workflows to minimize exposure to infected patients
 - Design/utilize signage specific to the causative organism
 - Provide employee necessities to decrease time off unit



- Establish travel pathways and areas to treat patients safely
 - Work with other departments on transport
 - Utilize rooms designed for infected patients on ancillary departments e.g., Surgery
 - Utilize private rooms only for suspect or known infected



Redeploy staff to supplement needed rounding, non-patient care tasks

- HEIP train on rounding and observations
- Train PSA's on caring for infected patients
- Train staff to assist observations of ancillary departments



Engineering Controls

 Convert rooms to negative air to keep from the corridors and work areas (Facilities)



Engineering Controls

- Check pressurization and airflow in areas with scrubbers, take pressure readings, doors closed (Facilities)
- Modify airflow and the environment to prevent infection
- AGP workflows should allow the room to stand unused for 1 hr if air exchanges are 6 or less

Aerosol
Generating
Procedures
(AGP)

Documents/Workflows/Examples

AGP Workflow

AGP Signs





Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment PPE for Aerosol Generating Procedures



The following table provides guidance for determining the appropriate PPE and room criteria required for Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATDs) when performing Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP). A PAPR is required for AGP for patients requiring airborne precautions.

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		Airborne transmitted Infections ² (e.g. TB, measles, varicella)		Has signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and undergoing evaluation, COVID-19 exposed, or confirmed (Novel respiratory isolation) ⁸		Asymptomatic with COVID-19 status unknown and/or test pending		Droplet transmitted infections ² that are part of the ATD Standard (e.g. influenza, adenovirus) excludes RSV, rhinovirus, parainfluenza, human metapneumovirus		All Others ⁵ (Including patients with negative COVID tests)	
		PPE	Room criteria	PPE	Room criteria ³	PPE	Room criteria	PPE	Room criteria	PPE	Room criteria
Type of Procedure	Aerosol Generating Procedure	PAPR and refer to Isolation table	Airborne Isolation room	N95 with face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves	Airborne Isolation room for continuous AGP preferred	N95 with face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves ⁴	Private patient room preferred	N95 with face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves ⁴	Private patient room preferred	N95 with face shield (or PAPR) ⁶ recommended plus Standard Precautions AND refer to isolation table as applicable	Private patient room not necessary
	Not aerosol generating procedure	PAPR or N95 and refer to isolation table		N95 with face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves	Private patient room with door closed preferred	Surgical mask with eye protection, refer to isolation table		Surgical mask with eye protection, refer to isolation table		Use Standard Precautions AND refer to isolation table as applicable	

Aerosol Generating Proced	ures (AGP) include but are not	limited to:	For ALL COVID-19 testing: not AGP, wear N-95 w/eye protection (or PAPR), gloves, gown for collection				
Intubation procedure	Extubation procedure	Chest physiotherapy ²	Not an AGP: coughing, NG/OG placement, nasopharyngeal swab, suctioning the oropharynx, non-rebreather mask/face				
Non-invasive ventilation (BIPAP/CPAP)	Open suction	Nebulized medications	mask/face tent up to 15L, , in-line suctioning, intubated patient without other AGPs				
Manual Ventilation	Bronchoscopy/BAL	Pulmonary function tests	Do I need to be fit tested to wear PAPR equipment?				
High frequency ventilation	Laryngoscopy	Autopsy	No, but training is required. Call EHS at 415-476-1300 for information.				
Tracheostomy/Laryngostoma with open suction,	CPR	Sputum induction	How to obtain a PAPR unit				
procedure/manipulation, ventilator disconnects ⁴		-	Contact Materiel Services at 415-353-1837 (Parnassus) 885-7255 (MZ) or 476-1116 for (MB)				
High Flow Nasal Cannula	Certain ENT procedures	Certain dentistry procedures					
Other high risk procedures that should be considered	AGPs: TEE, endoscopy, Ventur	ri mask	PAPRs not functioning should be red tagged, removed from circulation and sent to Materiel Services.				
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- Per Cal-OSHA regulation Title 8, Section 5199, (g) (3) (8), http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/5199.htm/ https://www.dir.ca.gov/fitle8/5199a.htm/ and https://infection.control.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/isolation-table.
- Novel Respiratory isolation Precautions N95/face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves for all patients irrespective of AGP status. If patient receiving a continuous AGP place patient in an airborne isolation room. Continue patient on Novel Respiratory isolation if there are ongoing clinical concerns for COVID-19 even if COVID-19 testing is negative.
- When AGP performed place 'Aerosol Generating Procedure in Progress' sign, wear NSS with face shield (or PAPR), gowns, gloves during procedure, when entering the room until >95% air changes have been achieved (if this is not known, then assume 1 hr). Other I) Droplet Transmitted infections not included in ATD Standards (e.g. RSV, rhinovirus, parainfluenza, human metapneumovirus), II) negative respiratory viral evaluation AND no ongoing concern for COVID-19, OR III) no concern for respiratory infection
- When AGP performed place 'Aerosol Generating Procedure is in Progress' sign, wear N95 with face shield (or PAPR) when entering the room. For petients receiving discrete AGPs place 'Aerosol Generating Procedure is in Progress' sign and wear N95 with face shield (or PAPR) when entering the room until >99% air changes have been achieved (if this is not known, then assume 1 hr).
- Chest physiotherapy includes intrapulmonary percussive ventilation (IPV), high frequency chest wall oscillation (vest), chest physical therapy (CPT), Frequencer, Aerobika, pneumatic compression device
- Having a tracheostomy/laryngostoma without additional manipulation is not serosol generating though NSS plus eye protection is recommended as there is some unpredictability whether the patient will need an AGP. Open suction or other manipulation/procedures on the tracheostomy/laryngostoma including scoping, surgery, cautery, tube changes, and ventilator circuit disconnects are serosol generating. Oxygen delivered via tracheostomy mask, tracheostomy/laryngostoma dressing changes including changing trach ties, or replacement of a tracheostomy mask are not serosol generating. For additional information refer to https://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/sites/g/files/tkssrs4681/f/Outpetient_end_Inpatient_Tracheostomy-Laryngostoma_Guidelines.pdf

There are exceptions to the above guidance for required use of PAPR. In the following exemptions an NSS may be worn in place of a PAPR: A) Emergent Patient Care that does not allow sufficient time to put on a PAPR, B) PAPR equip devices necessary to complete the required procedures or C Call (415-885-3538) to report other potential exemptions for review and consideration.



Please contact the Medical Center Safety Office at Medical Center Safety@ucuf.edu or 415-885-3538 with any questions or concerns.

Engineering Controls

- Erect plexiglass barriers as needed to keep people separated
- Develop disinfection protocols with HEIP in order to increase cleaning of high touch areas
- Develop room-cleaning protocols with Hospitality to ensure daily cleaning and thorough protocols



Leaders provide feedback to staff regarding discrepancies or lapses



Administrative Controls

- Support public health recommendations and regulations
- Provide mechanisms to communicate effectively (hotline, huddles, dedicated website, workflows)
- Leader updates with staff on changes and new knowledge
- Respond to discrepancies and new issues in patient care

Documents/Workflows/Examples

Infection Prevention Website



Welcome to the HEIP

The goals of the Department of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Prevention are to:

- Provide epidemiologic analysis based on the results of surveillance, risk assessment, communicable disease exposure follow-up, outbreak investigation, and other data.
- · Provide direct interventions at the patient, location, and service levels where needs are identified and where risk-reduction or change in practice is likely to have long-term success.
- Provide education to personnel, patients and visitors with an emphasis on their role in infection prevention.
- Develop thresholds of infection rates for surgical procedures and device-related infections above which department action is indicated.
- Ensure regulatory, accreditation and legal compliance related to infection prevention issues.

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March 22, 2021

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January 8, 2021

UCSF Administers Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine to Frontline Staff

Call the COVID Hotline

UCSF Patients: (415) 514-7328

UCSF Health Employees: (415) 514-

7328

UCSF Students: (415) 476-8736

2019 Novel Coronavirus

- UCSF Health COVID-19 Resources
- · Frequently Asked Questions

UCSF Measles Diagnostics



UCSF Measles Patient FAQ

Administrative Controls

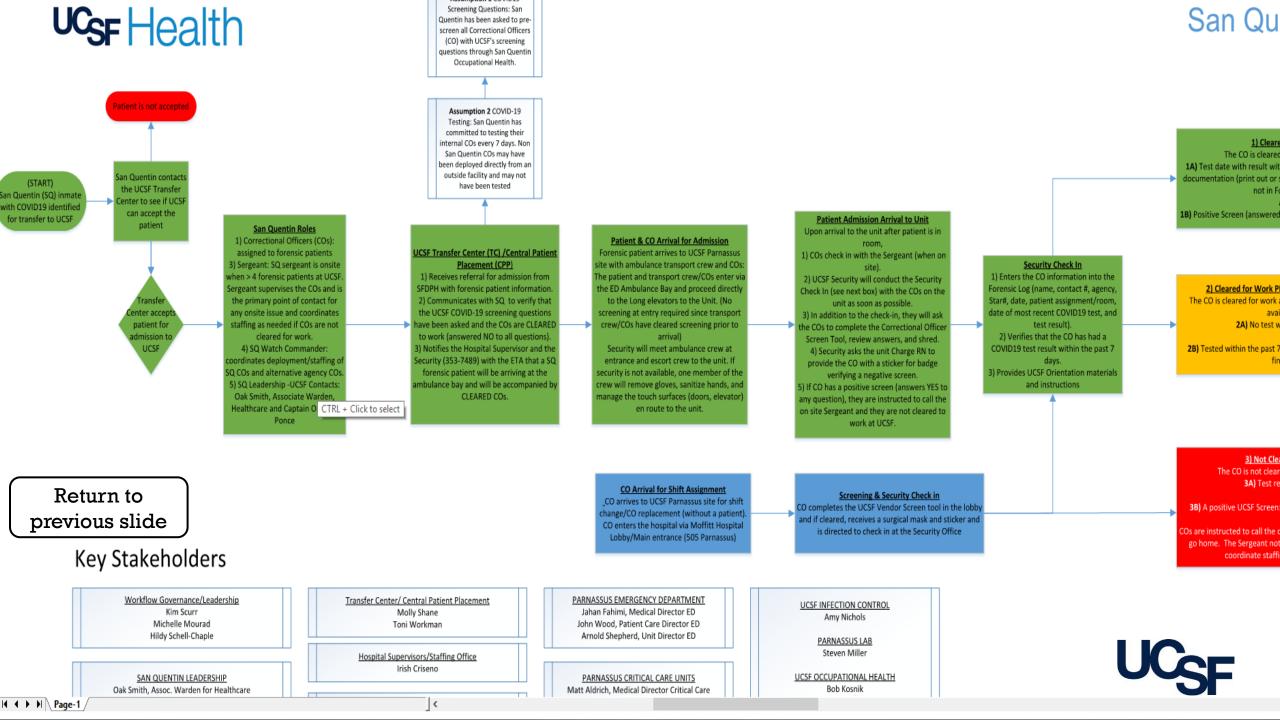
- Evaluate staffing in a fluid manner in order to anticipate surges
- Keep units well staffed and float if needed
- For staffing awareness, allow for nursing to absorb many patient-facing jobs
- Provide staff amenities to limit time off the unit such as, meals, showers, change of scrubs

Forensic
Patients and
Corrections
Officers

Documents/Workflows/Examples

Correction Officer Testing





Administrative Controls

- Provide transparency with unions, employees, and patients
- Assist HEIP/OHS with contact tracing and report potential exposures
- Provide workflows with knowledge of new outbreaks and risk status

Congregate
Settings

Documents/Workflows/Examples

Congregate Settings Workflow



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Novel Respiratory Isolation for Patients Admitted to UCSF Health from Skilled Nursing Facilities

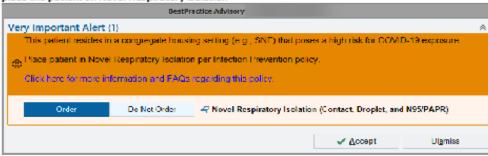
All patients transferred to UCSF from skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) should be placed on Novel Respiratory Isolation for 14 days following transfer. Based on the most current SFDPH COVID-19 surveillance data, starting 1/27/2021, asymptomatic patients transferred from assisted living facilities and other non-SNF congregate living settings will no longer require precautionary isolation.

Why?

- Many skilled nursing facilities are continuing to experience outbreaks of COVID-19
- If infected, patients may be too early in their illness to have a positive COVID-19 PCR result on the day of transfer
- Given this, we will consider all patients transferred from SNFs to be possibly exposed to COVID-19
- In order to minimize the risk of transmission to others, we are recommending placing these
 patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation in private rooms during the 14 days following transfer
 (i.e., during their 14-day incubation period).

How?

A BPA will appear for all patients transferred to UCSF from a SNF that will direct providers to
place the patient on Novel Respiratory Isolation



- Patients arriving for a procedure or scheduled surgery will be identified during scheduling or through PREPARE prior to their arrival.
- Patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation must be admitted to a single patient room.
- Patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation who are receiving <u>aerosol generating procedures (AGPs)</u> should preferentially be placed into a negative pressure Airborne Infection Isolation room (AIIR).
- Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Prevention (HEIP) staff will place a "COVID-19 Exposure" infection flag that will remain in place during the 14-day period
- Although this BPA will not appear for patients who have recently been discharged from a SNF and are now being admitted from home, consider placing these patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation during the remainder of the 14 days since discharge from the facility
 - ⇒ Use Voalte to contact either the Adult or Pediatric Infection Preventionist On Call (ideally between 8am-4pm) if you have questions



Administrative Controls

- Assist with workflows to increase disinfection
- Prepare for hand hygiene and disinfectant changes with teaching and questions about changes



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Mandatory training for all unit staff
- Standardize and update PPE carts
- Provide donning/doffing steps in printed form to hang on door
- Assist with Train the Trainer and Just-In-Time training

Documents/Workflows/Examples

PPE Cart Checklist



Novel Respiratory Isolation Cart Packet

Component
Novel Respiratory Isolation Sign
"How to create a work order to change and document Negative Pressure
Isolation room"
Sign-in Sheet
Donning/Doffing Instructions
Room Setup Checklist
Q-Shift Checklist

Contacts

Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Prevention (HEIP):

- Moffitt-Long or Mt. Zion: During business hours: 415-353-4343 (main office) or 415-806-0269 (on-call cell); During non-business hours: ML Hospital Supervisor Spectralink 415-353-8036 or 415-353-1964
- Mission Bay: During business hours: 415-353-4343 (main office) or 415-806-0269 (on-call cell); During non-business hours: Benioff Children's Hospital-SF Hospital Supervisor 415-502-0728; MB Adult Hospital Clinical Resource Nurse 415-502-0562
- Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland: (during business hours) 510-428-3733;
 (during non-business hours) cellphone 510-459-3702, pager 510-718-1466, or BCHO Nursing supervisor 510-428-3885 ext 6997

San Francisco Department of Public Health:

- Communicable Disease Control: (415) 554-2830
- After hours On-Call Physician: (415) 554-3613



N-95/PAPR Training & **Preservation**

- N-95 fit tests/PAPR Training with visuals, INEX and HEIP support
- PAPRs develop appropriate means of
- disinfection and storage Prepare for PPE shortages and collaborate in order to provide alternatives
- N95- only touch with clean hands, ensure appropriate fit and seal; if intact and not contaminated, extend use or remove and store appropriately for reuse



Gowns- disposable or washable

- Storage size may differ with washable gowns
- Technique for doffing may differ
- Washable requires increased emptying of linen hamper and monitoring quality of reprocessing

Documents/Workflows/Examples

Pandemic Observation Form

New Gown Update



COVID Compliance Observation Form

Month of Observation: nstructions: Use a separate row for each entry or exit observed. . Write the unit, bed number or room number in the box (i.e., 9ICU-09) 2. Circle the shift the observation was made AM =07:00-18:59 PM =19:00-06:59 3. Circle the job category or write in the job category (see back) 4. Circle Entry or Exit. 5. Circle whether patient is on Enteric Contact Isolation (ECI) 6. Circle gel/wash compliance, Yes or No. a. Patients on Enteric Contact Isolation: HCW must wash with soap and water on exit to receive a "Yes" score HCW must clean hands before donning gloves and entering the room or after removing gloves and exiting the room to receive "Yes". Confirm compliance for Exit from ECI room by indicating method of Hand Hygiene used. MASK and SOCIAL DISTANCING: (Lilac) 8. Circle YES or NO for each question *Any student observation should be included in the applicable occupational category. *Allow 30 seconds after entry or exit for the person to complete hand hygiene. Do not enter data when you are uncertain whether hand hygiene occurred. Refer to the unique hand hygiene guidance for exceptions to the standard gel in/gel out requirements. Exceptions are found on the back of this data collection tool and are limited to the specific asks or occupational groups. LEmergency situations are EXCLUDED from the data collection process. Physician Unit or Bed Service (If applicable) (as needed) AM PM RN YES NO YES NO F 8 YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 2 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F 8 YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 3 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 4 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F 8 YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 6 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 8 AM PM RN Prov RT 7 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F 8 YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 8 AM PM RN Prov RT 8 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 10 AM PM RN Prov RT 11 AM PM RN Prov RT EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO EN EX YES NO YES NO F S YES NO YES NO YES NO YES NO 12 AM PM RN Prov RT Administrative stell Onld Life (Flay theregists, Teachers) Dietitan Fed likes Hospitality Staff (Custodian; PSA; Unen & Waste Pick-up) Laboratory MD/hP/PA (Provice) Medical Student Nutrition & Food Service Server Patient Care Assistant (PCA Patient Care Assistant, Vedical Assistant, Strenk Patient Care Technic and (PCT) Radiology Technologist Rehabilitation Services (PT, OT, ST) Research Assistant/Oport/instan Haspiratory (herapisa (Kr.)) Social WorldCase Management Specify your own value Spiritus Care Services Technicien Transport

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Volunteers

PPE Product Update



New PPF Product: Blue Contact Gown

UCSF Health has secured a one-time supply of a new type of disposable gown intended for use for both contact precautions and hazardous medication precautions. This disposable blue gown with purple lining can be used for any of the following levels of isolation precautions requiring a gown:

- Contact Isolation
- Enteric Isolation
- Respiratory Illness Isolation
- Novel Respiratory Illness Isolation
- Hazardous Medication Precautions
- Standard Precautions when a gown is warranted (e.g. complex dressing change or bedside procedure)

Environmental Health and Safety has determined that this blue gown with purple lining is rated and acceptable for handling of hazardous medications.

There are slight variations with the disposable blue contact gown with purple lining that distinguishes this gown from the yellow contact gown or blue hazardous medication gown:

- There is a Velcro securement at the neck
- There is a single tie at the mid-back region
- The gown does not have loops for the thumbs
- There is a white cuff at the wrist

Due to the absence of thumb loops, when donning gloves take care to securely pull glove up and push the white cuff inside the glove. Pushing the white cuff up to the wrist region will provide a secure fit. If the sleeve and cuff become unsecured from the glove, doff the gloves and perform hand hygiene before securing the cuff into a new pair of gloves.

Follow the established doffing technique for doffing disposable gowns:

- Grasp the gown in front and pull away from your body so that the ties break, while touching the outside of the gown only with gloved hands
 - Due to the Velcro at the neck, additional force may be required to break apart the Velcro securement
- While removing the gown, fold or roll the gown inside-out into a bundle
- As you are removing the gown, peel off your gloves at the same time, only touching the inside of the gloves and gown with your bare hands
- Place the gown and gloves into a waste container

For a patient with Hazardous Medication Precautions ONLY (no isolation of any kind) it is permissible to reuse the blue gown with purple lining for multiple instances of patient care with the same patient. This is permissible provided that the gown has not been soiled with hazardous medication or body fluids.

 The blue gown with purple lining must always be discarded after one use if the patient has any type of Transmission Based Isolation Precautions.



Blue contact gown pictured with gown, gloves, and standard universal surgical mask. Don appropriate respiratory and eye protection as appropriate to the ordered Isolation Precautions



White cuff of gown is stuffed inside the gloves at the wrist to ensure a secure fit



Eye Protection and Extended Use

- Eye protection can be wiped down and reused until non-intact or no longer clear
- Develop observation protocols that remind employees to use correctly
- Standardize PPE Caddy to include eyeprotection
- Develop strategies for extended use



Documents/Workflows/Examples



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