

# DROPLET ISOLATION

Visitors ~ See Nurse before entering



Clean Hands ~ Surgical Mask ~ Eye Protection

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## PATIENTS in DROPLET ISOLATION

- Place in a private room unless a shared space has been approved by Infection Control
- Must wear a regular mask (surgical or paper) over mouth and nose when outside the room
- May leave the room after cleaning hands, unit policy permitting
- Are not allowed in communal spaces (playroom, school room, solarium etc.)

## STAFF Caring for Patients in DROPLET ISOLATION

### PROCEDURES

- Wear a regular mask (surgical or paper) over mouth and nose, and eye protection (safety goggles, fluid shield) upon entry to patient room
- Remove and discard disposable PPE in waste basket and clean hands before leaving the patient environment.
- Goggles may be disinfected and reused
- Encourage patients to remain in the room except for essential purposes

### WORKFLOW

- Place the following outside patient room: PAPER MASKS W/ FACE SHIELDS, PAPER OR SURGICAL MASKS, GOGGLES, FACE SHIELDS, THIS SIGN

### VISITORS

- Offer masks and eye protection and instructions for use
- Instruct visitors to clean their hands before entering and exiting the patient's room

## GENERAL INDICATIONS for DROPLET ISOLATION

- Bronchiolitis
- Patients with myocarditis of unknown etiology
- Respiratory virus DFA/PCR, parvovirus or pertussis PCR or Group A strep (pediatric patients only) testing ordered on respiratory specimen
- Symptoms consistent with upper respiratory infection, etiology unknown
- Meningitis, bacterial

## COMMON SPECIFIC INDICATIONS for DROPLET ISOLATION

- Respiratory viruses: influenza, parainfluenza, parvovirus, metapneumovirus, rhinovirus
- Adenovirus or RSV (with Contact Precautions for respiratory infections in infants and young children)
- Group A streptococcus pharyngitis in infants and young children
- *Haemophilus influenzae* in infants and children
- Pertussis
- *Neisseria meningitidis* pneumonia, meningitis or sepsis

**For additional information, refer to “Standard and Transmission-based Precautions Policy” and “Isolation Precautions Table” at <http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org> or page the Infection Control Practitioner on call at 415.806.0269.**