

CONTACT & DROPLET PRECAUTIONS



**CLEAN YOUR
HANDS WHEN
ENTERING AND
EXITING ROOM**



STAFF and VISITORS



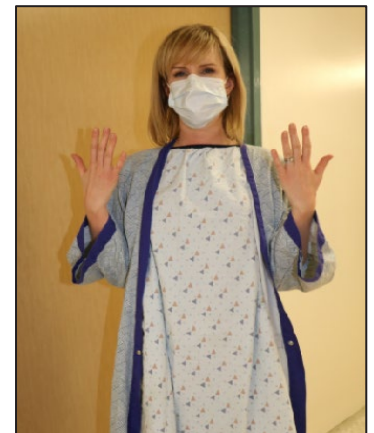
VISITORS:

PLEASE CHECK with
Nursing Staff **BEFORE**
entering room.

VISITORS to wear facial
protection in ROOM.

GOWN AND GLOVES if
assisting with care.

PATIENTS Upon leaving ROOM (FOR ESSENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY)



(PROCEDURE MASK, CLEAN GOWN/
CLOTHES AND HANDS)

Any suspected or confirmed respiratory virus infection = N95 respirator or procedure mask (based on Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment) + eye protection + gloves + gown

Any suspected or confirmed respiratory virus infection + Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) = N95 Respirator + eye protection + gloves + gown

SINGLE ROOM RECOMMENDED WITH DEDICATED EQUIPMENT

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Acute Care

Use in Addition to Routine Practices

Additional Information

- As per the [Joint Statement \(https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/news/nr/ne-nr-2020-03-27-joint-statement-covid-ppe.pdf\)](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/news/nr/ne-nr-2020-03-27-joint-statement-covid-ppe.pdf): "There may be situations where a health care worker, based upon their PCRA or their assessment of all known and foreseeable risks and hazards, may choose to wear a medical mask instead of an N95 respirator."
[Exception: Always use fit-tested N95 respirator for patient with suspected or confirmed viral respiratory infection with current or anticipated AGMP.]
- Single room recommended.
- Door may remain open.
- Clean your hands before and after wearing gloves.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres between patients.
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated patient or clean and disinfect shared equipment after use.
- **Soap and water recommended for hand hygiene when providing care of patient's diarrhea and/or vomiting after removing gloves instead of Alcohol-Based Hand Rub.** (AHS Hand Hygiene Procedure, June 2017)
- Patient to leave room only for **essential** purposes.
- If patients are leaving the room they should be cognitively intact or supervised, have clean hands and clothing, be masked, and any drainage and/or body fluids contained.

Common Organisms Requiring CONTACT/DROPLET Precautions (not all inclusive)

- Adenovirus
- Enterovirus
- Metapneumovirus
- Influenza
- Parainfluenza
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Rhinovirus
- SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)
- Invasive Group A *Streptococcus*
- Norovirus (vomiting +/- diarrhea present)

Remember!

Any suspected or confirmed respiratory virus infection + Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) = N95 Respirator + eye protection + gloves + gown

If a patient is suspected or confirmed to have a viral respiratory infection and AGMPs are required (including but not limited to intubation, open tracheal suctioning, CPR, bronchoscopy, sputum induction, BiPAP, high frequency oscillatory ventilation, tracheostomy care, aerosolized medication administration; see



[AGMP Guidance Tool](#)), then a fit-tested N95 respirator is to be worn (not a procedure mask).

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Refer to the AHS Infection Prevention & Control Manual for additional information