

AIRBORNE & CONTACT PRECAUTIONS



CLEAN YOUR HANDS WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING ROOM



STAFF AND VISITORS

PATIENTS UPON LEAVING ROOM



VISITORS:

PLEASE CHECK WITH NURSING STAFF BEFORE ENTERING ROOM.

GOWN AND GLOVE ONLY IF ASSISTING WITH CARE.



**(FOR ESSENTIAL PURPOSES ONLY)
(PROCEDURE MASK, CLEAN GOWN/
CLOTHES AND HANDS)**

**SINGLE ROOM WITH NEGATIVE AIR PRESSURE,
DOOR CLOSED WITH DEDICATED EQUIPMENT**

Airborne & Contact Precautions

Acute Care

Use in Addition to Routine Practices

Additional Information

- Single room with negative pressure required! ENSURE ROOM PRESSURE IS SET TO NEGATIVE
- If negative pressure is activated using a switch, check and document every shift
- Door into anteroom and door into patient room must remain closed
- Anteroom is considered clean space, PPE may be doffed here
- Clean your hands before entering the room and after leaving the room
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated patient or clean and disinfect shared equipment after use
- Patient to leave room only for **essential** purposes. If patients are leaving their room they should be cognitively intact or supervised, have **clean** hands and clothing and any drainage and/or body fluids **contained**.

If the patient is not currently in a single/negative pressure room:

- If possible remove the roommate from the room or mask the infected patient
- Close the door
- Place appropriate AIRBORNE & CONTACT signage
- Arrange for patient transfer to a negative pressure room
- Please see Management of Patients Requiring Airborne Isolation Algorithm for more details

Common Organisms Requiring AIRBORNE & CONTACT Precautions (not all inclusive)

- Chickenpox (Varicella)
- Shingles (Zoster) in an immunodeficient patient
- Disseminated Shingles (Zoster)

Remember!

Always wear the N95 respirator you've been fit tested for when in the room.

Remove N95 respirator when you have exited room and door to patient room is closed.

Individuals with known immunity to chickenpox/varicella are not required to wear the N95 respirator when entering the room of a patient with confirmed chickenpox/varicella

Known immunity:

Visitors:

- history of past illness or
- vaccination with 2 appropriately timed doses of varicella vaccine or
- laboratory evidence of immunity

Staff:

- either a documented history of two valid doses of varicella vaccine or
- laboratory evidence of immunity
- are not required to wear the N95 respirator when entering the room