



AIRBORNE and CONTACT PRECAUTIONS CORRECTIONS



SINGLE CELL WITH NEGATIVE AIR PRESSURE RECOMMENDED. DOOR(S) REMAIN CLOSED. USE DEDICATED EQUIPMENT

EVERYONE MUST:



Clean hands when entering and leaving a cell and before/after care



For direct medical care



- ✓ Wear fit-tested N95 respirator on entry to cell and before providing care
- ✓ Seal-check the respirator
- ✓ Wear gown and gloves upon entry to cell and when providing direct care
- ✓ Remove and discard gloves and gown when leaving cell or when care is completed. Remove N95 respirator outside of the cell or when care is completed.

For interacting with patient or in patient areas (CSD staff and others)



- ✓ Check with nursing staff before entering cell
- ✓ Wear fit-tested N95 respirator on entry to cell and before providing care
- ✓ Seal-check the respirator
- ✓ Wear gown and gloves upon entry to cell and when providing care
- ✓ Remove and discard gloves and gown when leaving cell or when care is completed. Remove N95 respirator outside of cell or when care is completed.

Patients



When patients must leave their cell:

- ✓ Wear clean clothing and procedure mask
- ✓ Ensure drainage is contained and lesions are covered.



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USE IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE PRACTICES

Additional Information – Also See Airborne and Contact Precautions Information Sheet

- Place this sign on cell door
- Single cell with negative pressure if available at the facility. Ensure pressure is set to negative
- If required, arrange for patient transfer to a facility with a negative pressure cell
- Door into patient's cell must remain closed. If a cell with a solid door is not available, consult IPC
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated patient or clean and disinfect shared equipment after each use
- Do not share items (e.g., puzzles, books, newspapers) that cannot be cleaned and disinfected between patients
- All high touch surfaces in the patient's cell must be cleaned and disinfected at least daily with facility approved products and procedures

After patient discharge/transfer or when Airborne and Contact Precautions are discontinued for a confirmed case:

- Keep the cell vacant with the door closed for a minimum 4 hours to allow for air clearance
- If patient must attend clinic or other essential appointment, they must come directly from their cell masked, be cared for/attend appointment and return immediately to their cell. In this case, the 4-hour air clearance time is not required in the clinic or appointment area
- If an airborne infection is ruled out, the 4-hour air clearance is not required upon patient discharge

Common Organisms Requiring Airborne and Contact Precautions (not all inclusive)

- Chickenpox (Varicella)
- Shingles (Herpes Zoster) in an immunocompromised patient
- Disseminated Shingles (Herpes Zoster)

Always wear the N95 respirator you've been fit tested for when in the cell or when providing direct care

N95 respirators:

Refer to donning instructions [Putting on \(Donning\) Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) or Airborne and Contact Precautions information sheet

Wear a new gown and gloves to enter patient's cell or when:

- providing direct care (e.g., IV or oral medication administration, dressing changes, care of open wounds/lesion, bathing, changing clothing or toileting)
- having any contact with items in patient's cell (including gathering and handling specimens)
- cleaning any areas in the patient's cell
- other direct patient care