

Mobile Hoarding Tents

Central Zone Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

This document provides guidance on the use of mobile hoarding tents during construction/maintenance activities. Containment tents are used to reduce the risk of adverse events for patients related to exposure to dust/debris that can house microscopic fungus. All necessary tools, HEPA-filtered vacuum, garbage receptacle, should be available inside the tent.

Suggestions for use of the equipment

- Place walk-off mat outside tent.
- Use the HEPA vacuum to remove dust from clothes, boots, and interior.
- Tent must be completely closed and sealed to the ceiling (no gaps).
- When accessing ceiling/hatch, vacuum dust from back of tile and perimeter of opening.
- Remove patients in room or vicinity where work is taking place.

For Preventive Measures (PM) 3 and 4 activities

- Place walk-off mat outside tent.
- Mobile hoarding tents must be equipped with a HEPA-filtered construction air handling unit (CAHU).
- The CAHU must remain running for the duration of the activity.
- HEPA filters have been performance leak tested within the past 12 months.
- CAHU must display the recent certification label. Certification must be performed annually.
- CAHU filters (including pre-filters and HEPA filters) shall be visually inspected as per the manufacturer's recommendations prior to installation. Filters shall be replaced as required (e.g., loaded, damaged).

Population risk group (4) - include but are not limited to the operating room, medical device reprocessing, oncology units and isolation rooms. Consult IPC for clarification.

- Put on (don) PPE according to the requirements of the area.
- Clean and disinfect tent and wheels prior to entering the area.
- Don new/clean PPE, according to the requirements of the area, after completing the work and leaving the mobile tent. Ensure garbage receptacle and new PPE available.

When the work is complete

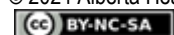
- Prior to exiting the hoarding tent:
 - HEPA vacuum clothing/boots and inside of hoarding tent (including walls).
 - Wipe the inside walls and tools with AHS provided cleaner/disinfectant.
- Ensure workspace and surrounding areas are clean.
- Store hoarding tent in a clean area. If the tent used in a soiled area wipe down outside prior to storing.

References

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