



DROPLET and CONTACT PRECAUTIONS CONTINUING CARE



SINGLE ROOM RECOMMENDED WITH DEDICATED EQUIPMENT

EVERYONE MUST:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room



STAFF MUST:



- ✓ Wear mask, eye protection, when within 2 metres or 6 feet of resident
- ✓ Wear gown and gloves when providing direct care
- ✓ Discard ALL PPE on leaving room

VISITORS MUST:



- ✓ Check with nursing staff before entering room
- ✓ Wear mask, eye protection, when within 2 metres or 6 feet of resident
- ✓ Wear gown and gloves when providing direct care
- ✓ Discard ALL PPE on leaving room

RESIDENTS:



- When residents must leave their room:
- ✓ Wear clean clothing and procedure mask

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DROPLET and CONTACT PRECAUTIONS CONTINUING CARE USE IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE PRACTICES

Additional Information – Also see Droplet and Contact Precautions Information Sheet.

- Single room and bathroom recommended whenever possible. If room sharing: ensure separation of at least 2 metres between residents and between beds; dedicate a bathroom or commode for each resident; pull privacy curtains between residents.
- Door may remain open.
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated resident or clean and disinfect shared equipment after use.
- Do not share items (e.g., puzzles, books, and electronics) that cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
- Rooms should contain a dedicated linen bag. Do not overfill bags. Double bag only if leaking.
- All high touch surfaces in the resident's room must be cleaned at least daily with facility-approved products and procedures.

Some Organisms Requiring DROPLET and CONTACT Precautions (not all inclusive)

- Adenovirus
- Influenza (see reminder below)
- Rhinovirus
- Enterovirus
- Parainfluenza
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- SARS CoV2 (COVID-19)

Remember!

- If the resident has diarrhea it is recommended that soap and water be used for hand hygiene after removing gloves instead of alcohol-based hand rub. (AHS Hand Hygiene Procedure, May 2024)
- 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 IPC RA 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 residents with suspected or confirmed viral respiratory infection with current or anticipated



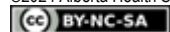
AGMP (including but not limited to intubation, open tracheal suctioning, CPR, bronchoscopy, sputum induction, BiPAP, high-frequency oscillatory ventilation, tracheostomy care, aerosolized medication administration.)]

- The room door is to remain closed during AGMP.

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