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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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)

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, June 2017)
- Influenza A or B (confirmed or suspected) + Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) = N95 Respirator + Facial Protection. If a resident is suspected or confirmed to have Influenza A or B and AGMPs are required e.g., intubation, open tracheal suctioning, CPR, bronchoscopy, sputum induction, BiPAP, high frequency oscillatory ventilation, tracheostomy care, aerosolized medication administration, then a fit tested N95 respirator is to be worn for respiratory protection (not a procedure mask).
- The room door is to remain closed during AGMP.

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