Management of Patients Requiring Airborne isolation In the Absence of Airborne Isolation Rooms

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Apply a procedure mask to the patient.

Apply airborne or airborne & contact precautions: staff require fit tested N95 respirator, gown and gloves, as needed

Is there a private room with door available?

NO

Find a non-traditional care space that can be enclosed to care for patient. (i.e. office, ambulatory care area).
Consult with Infection Prevention and Control.
Patients may be cohorted in a space if needed (if they have similar symptoms - consult IPC/ID Physician/MOH)

YES

Transport patient to the room immediately and close door.
Place additional precaution sign on door of room.
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Does the patient require admission?

NO

Discharge: Keep room vacant with door closed post-discharge for minimum 2 hours (settle time.)
Persons needing to enter the room before settle time has passed must wear fit-tested N95 respirator

YES

Immediately arrange for transfer to facility with available airborne isolation room
Contact RAAPID or follow your usual placement process.
Keep patient in dedicated space until transport.
RAAPID North 1-800-282-9911 or 780-735-0811
RAAPID South 1-800-661-1700 or 403-944-4486

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