



# DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

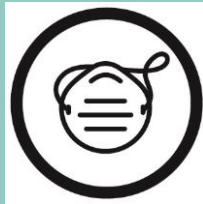
**Visitors** check in with staff before entering.

For source control, ask resident to don mask if tolerated when healthcare workers/visitors are present.

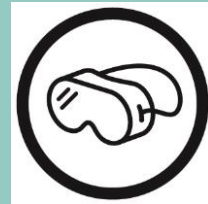
## PRIOR TO ENTERING:



Wash or gel hands



Wear mask



Wear eye protection  
Face shield or goggles

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS:



Must use resident dedicated or disposable equipment.  
Clean and disinfect shared equipment.



If performing an *Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)*, consider wearing a higher-level protection mask or respirator and keep door closed. Follow Facility Policy for performing AGPs.



Wear gown and gloves if contact with secretions is likely.

**Sign to be removed by Environmental Services after precaution discontinuation and room cleaned.**

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Standard Precautions are used to provide care to ALL residents.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

*Steps below are reflective for all PPE, gather only PPE as listed on first page, in addition to other PPE per Standard Precautions.*

*If wearing a Controlled Air Purifying Respirator (CAPR) or Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR), follow manufacturer's instructions to don and doff correctly.*

### Putting on PPE (Donning)

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Put on isolation gown, secure ties/straps
3. Put on respirator or face mask, ensure appropriate and well fitting
4. Put on face shield or goggles
5. Put on gloves

### Taking off PPE (Doffing)

1. While in the resident's room, remove gloves without contaminating hands.
2. Remove gown - Untie/unsnap ties, break ties if applicable for disposable gowns. Remove by pulling gown away from neck and shoulders, touching inside of gown only. Roll gown as it is removed and place in the proper receptacle. You may now exit the room.
3. Upon exit, perform hand hygiene (use soap & water if visibly soiled, encountered stool, or were in Contact Enteric Precautions).
4. Remove face shield/goggles - avoid touching the front of eye protection that may be contaminated.
5. Remove and properly handle respirator/face mask – avoid touching the front that may be contaminated and dispose or decontaminate as appropriate.
6. Repeat hand hygiene.

## FOR USE WITH CONDITIONS SUCH AS (Refer to facility policy):

- Influenza
- Meningitis
- Pertussis
- Other Respiratory viruses per facility policy
- Mumps

## RESIDENT PLACEMENT

- Place resident in private room. If not available, follow facility guidelines for cohorting.

## DISHES & UTENSILS

- No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

## LINEN & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Bag linen in resident's room. Avoid excessive handling and do not shake linen. For biohazard waste, follow Category B Medical Waste guidelines.

## ROOM CLEANING

- Routine cleaning procedures with addition of privacy curtain changes per hospital procedure.

## EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

- Only essential equipment and supplies in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment and resident's room with disinfectant per facility policy.

## TRANSPORT

- Alert receiving unit, medical transport or hospital regarding resident's isolation precaution status.
- Resident should clean hands.
- ***Resident should wear a surgical mask.***
- Transporter: Remove PPE and clean hands prior to exiting resident's room. If direct contact is likely during transport, wear appropriate PPE.
- Clean and disinfect transport vehicle per policy.