

# Airborne Precautions

## SIGNAGE

Airborne Precautions sign will be posted on the door indicating N95 mask and other appropriate precautions. (See Airborne Precautions poster, Catalogue #0040504, on the Precaution Signs navigation bar on the Infection Prevention and Control website.).

The preferred placement for patients/residents/clients that require Airborne Precautions is in a Negative Pressure Room.

## INFORMATION FOR STAFF, PATIENTS AND VISITORS

Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine practices to be followed at all times. All staff entering patient's room, escorting, treating or examining the patient must wear a high efficiency N95 mask –for which they have been fit tested</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients/residents must remain in the room unless medical condition warrants urgent/emergent procedure /intervention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand hygiene will be performed upon entering/leaving the facility and the patient's room</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wherever possible, non immune health care workers should not care for patients/residents with vaccine preventable airborne diseases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the patient is required to leave the room for diagnostic procedures, patient will wear a surgical grade (120 mmHg) fluid resistant mask (without visor), fitted to the face – if their respiratory status permits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors/relatives will wear appropriate PPE when providing care or very close patient contact, as directed by responsible nurse. All visitors, whether or not providing care, must wear an N95 mask, <i>fit-checked</i> to the face with assistance from staff.</li> </ul> <p>Number of visitors should be limited and length of visits should be kept to a maximum of 20 minutes when possible.</p>

# Airborne Precautions (continued)

## INFORMATION FOR STAFF, PATIENTS AND VISITORS (CONTINUED)

Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a risk assessment, routine practices may dictate the use of gloves, gown and/or face visor during the episode of care. A face visor may be necessary dependent upon diagnosis/symptoms of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients/residents will perform hand hygiene upon exiting and re-entering unit/room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors will not visit multiple patients/residents/clients rooms during a visit</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PPE will be changed following procedures, between patients/residents or when heavily contaminated/torn/split during a procedure</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors must not visit public areas within the facility (unit kitchen, cafeteria, shops/kiosks in main entrance etc.) and <b>SHALL NOT</b> use the patient/resident bathroom</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure single use and dedicated patient equipment for the duration of precautions. Limit equipment and personal items. Used equipment will be cleaned prior to being placed in Central Sterilizing/Processing bin</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared equipment will be decontaminated appropriately prior to removal from precaution room and before further use</li> </ul>		

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Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All dedicated equipment will be decontaminated appropriately on discharge of patient / discontinuation of precautions and prior to removing from patient room</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnostic procedures will not be postponed, inform receiving department of necessary precautions (either on the requisition or advising by telephone). Attempt should be made to book infectious cases at the end of the day</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linen will be placed in regular bags and closed securely prior to removal from room</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garbage will be placed in regular bags and closed securely prior to removal from room</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dietary staff do not deliver or remove food trays from rooms with patients/residents/clients on airborne precautions</li> </ul>		