

# Droplet Precautions

## SIGNAGE

Droplet Precautions sign must be posted on the door and next to patient's bed in multi-bed rooms. (See Droplet Precautions poster, Catalogue #0040508, on the Precaution Signs navigation bar on the Infection Prevention and Control website.)

***During periods of high census, patients/residents on droplet precautions might be placed in a two or four-bed room. A green Droplet Precaution sign will be posted outside the room as well as on the curtain of the affected patient within that room.***

- Single Room: the doors to single rooms can be kept open
- When a single-patient room is not available, consultation with infection prevention and control personnel is recommended to assess the various risks associated with other patient placement options (e.g. cohorting patients/residents with the same infection, keeping the patient with an existing roommate)
- Spatial separation of at least two meters (6 feet or more) from patient to curtain and drawing the curtain between patient beds is especially important for patients/residents in multi-bed rooms with infections transmitted by the droplet route

## 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. Gown, gloves and a surgical grade (120 mmHg) fluid resistant mask (with attached visor), fitted to the face will be worn within 2 metres (6 feet) of the patient. Particularly important when care promotes respiratory secretions, e.g. nebulisers, suctioning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients/residents leaving room for tests/mobilization/ rehabilitation will do so with permission of healthcare provider</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>• 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>• Will wear a surgical grade (120 mmHg) fluid resistant mask (without visor), fitted to the face</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors/relatives who are providing care or very close patient contact within 2 metres (6 feet), will wear a surgical grade (120 mmHg) fluid resistant mask (with attached visor), fitted to the face. Additional appropriate PPE will be worn when directed by responsible nurse</li> </ul>

# Droplet Precautions (continued)

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

Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure single use and dedicated patient equipment for the duration of precautions -i.e. dedicated commode</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/rooms during a visit</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients/residents will wear a clean nightgown/house coat or clothes</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>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>Patients/residents' wounds will be covered with a fresh dressing</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diagnostic procedures will not be postponed, inform receiving department of necessary precautions 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 and garbage will be placed in regular bags and closed securely prior to removal from room</li> </ul>		