STANDARD & TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS

STANDARD

Applies to all patients/residents regardless of infection status

Hand Hygiene
Wash hands or use alcohol-based hand rub before & after patient/resident contact, after contact with objects or surfaces in the patient/resident’s immediate vicinity, and after removing gloves (if worn).

Gloves
If contact with blood or body fluids may occur. Do not wash gloves or wear same pair for the care of more than one person. Discard before leaving area of the patient/resident.

Gown
If contact with blood or body fluids may occur. Do not reuse. Discard before leaving the area of the patient/resident.

Mask/Eye Protection
If contact with blood or body fluids may occur.

TRANSMISSION-BASED

AIRBORNE

Small particles (smaller than 5 micrometers)

Room
Airborne infection isolation (All) room preferred; private room, door closed required

Hand hygiene
Standard precautions

Gloves
Standard precautions

Gown
Standard precautions

Mask
N95 (or higher) respirator prior to room entry

Eye protection
Standard precautions

Questions? Please contact your local health department

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DROPLET

Large particles (larger than 5 micrometers)

Room
Private room preferred; door may remain open

Hand hygiene
Standard precautions

Gloves
Standard precautions

Gown
Standard precautions

Mask
Mask upon room entry

Eye protection
Standard precautions

CONTACT

Direct or indirect contact

Room
Private room preferred; Equipment: either disposable single-use or dedicate use of noncritical care equipment to one patient/resident

Hand hygiene
Standard precautions

Gloves
Standard precautions

Gown
Standard precautions

Mask
Wear mask upon entering room and discard before leaving the area of the patient/resident

Eye protection
Standard precautions

*This handout not intended to be all-inclusive. Certain diseases may require more specific precautions. Strict adherence to these precautions should help minimize the spread of illness, but will not guarantee absolute protection against infection transmission.