

All employees must follow Standard Precautions for all patients. Standard Precautions are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection. Simply put, **Standard Precautions means putting a barrier between the health care worker and the blood or body fluid of any patient.** Standard Precautions consist of the following elements:

- Routine hand washing
- Appropriate use of masks, eye protection and face shields, e.g. suctioning
- Routine cleaning or disposal of patient-care equipment
- Bag linen at point of use
- Consistent and correct glove use
- Appropriate use of gowns to prevent contamination of uniform
- Regular cleaning of environmental surfaces
- Strict adherence to occupational safety requirements

	CONTACT PRECAUTIONS	DROPLET PRECAUTIONS	PEDIATRIC DROPLET PRECAUTIONS	SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS	AIRBORNE★ PRECAUTIONS	MAXIMUM PRECAUTIONS
Cart/Storage area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private room	Preferred	Preferred†	Preferred	Required unless cohorted	Required	Required unless cohorted
Door closed	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Mask/Eye Protection	No unless organism in sputum ‡	If within 3 feet of patient	If within 3 feet of patient	No	To enter room ‡	No unless organism in sputum
Gown	For contact with patient's infectious secretions	For contact with patient's infectious secretions	For contact with patient	To enter room	No	To enter room
Gloves	For contact with infective material	For contact with infective material	For contact with infective material	To enter room	No	To enter room
Large reusable items: wash with approved germicide	All	All	All	All	All	All
One to One Nursing	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Linen: leak resistant bag at bedside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Dedicated thermometer	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Yes	No	Yes
Dedicated B/P apparatus	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Yes or Disposable cuff	No	Yes or Disposable cuff
Special transport	Patient in clean linens	Patient in face mask and clean linens	Patient in clean linens	Patient in clean linens	Patient in face mask	Patient in clean linens and face mask if organism in sputum. ¶ Two or more person transport required.
Disposable meal tray	No	No	No	No	No	No
Change cubicle curtains at discharge	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Procedures not done in room should be done at end of day	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Required	Preferred	Required

All equipment should be cleaned between patient uses regardless of isolation status.

★ If a patient is not in an approved Airborne Isolation Room, a HEPA filter (obtained from Central Supply 5-8357) is required in patient's room.

† Required for pertussis, influenza and diphtheria.

‡ Requires PAPR to enter patient's room. This respirator is not to be worn by the patient. See isolation policy for immunity exemption.

§ MRSA in sputum = Droplet Precautions

¶ May leave room for medically necessary tests only after alerting the procedure area

|| Clean linen are linens that have not been contaminated in the patient's room, obtain these from your clean linen supply cart