

Maximum Isolation Precautions for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Summary of Infection Control Practices

Activity	Recommendations
Patient Triage	<p><u>Emergency Department</u></p> <p>Patients entering the Emergency area will be triaged and assessed for symptoms of infectious diseases. If symptoms are suspicious of diseases requiring Maximum Isolation Precautions, the patient will put on a mask and the patient will be immediately placed in a negative-pressure room. (See Triage Algorithm) https://intranet.lifespan.org/sites/default/files/algorithm_26_2-10-20_3.pdf</p> <p><u>Direct Admissions</u></p> <p>The physician will notify Patient Registration of a patient with a known or suspected infectious disease requiring Maximum Isolation Precautions and will direct the patient to the Emergency Department entrance. The patient will be given a mask, observed putting on the mask and instructed to wear the mask at any time when outside of a negative-pressure room.</p> <p><u>In-House Patients</u></p> <p>Patients with a suspected infectious disease requiring Maximum Isolation Precautions will be transferred to a negative-pressure room. A surgical mask will be placed on the patient upon leaving their room and worn during transport.</p>
Communication	<p>Place a Maximum Isolation Precautions sign outside patient room. Keep the door closed.</p> <p>Ensure that the room is maintained under negative-pressure per affiliate-specific procedures.</p> <p>Notify Infection Control.</p> <p>Maintain a log of all healthcare workers & visitors who enter the patient's room.</p>
Patient Placement	<p>Place patient in a negative-pressure room. If patient is using a commode or bed pan, use liner. Cohort patients only with Infection Control approval.</p>
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	<p>Use a CAPR/PAPR for aerosol-generating procedures or otherwise if room entry is required and an individual cannot be fit-tested to wear an N95 respirator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable gown • Gloves • A fit-tested N95 respirator • Face shield • Shoe covers if there is a potential for shoes to become contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious material

Removal (Doffing) of PPE (request a “buddy” to assist if desired)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove gown, gloves, face shield (and shoe covers if worn) prior to leaving the room • Perform hand hygiene • Exit room • Remove N95 respirator and discard or place in a labeled paper bag for reuse (if respirator not compromised) • Repeat hand hygiene
Hand Hygiene	All staff will perform hand hygiene before donning gloves, after removing gloves and other PPE and when leaving the room.
Patient Transport	<p>Transport is limited to <u>essential services only</u>. Patient <u>must</u> wear a surgical mask during transport.</p> <p>After draping or “mummy-wrapping” the patient with a clean sheet, HCW should remove PPE and perform hand hygiene prior to transporting a patient. Contaminated gloves must not be worn when transporting the patient.</p> <p>Carry an N95 respirator in a paper bag and carry gloves in case of emergency while transporting the patient. Elevator should be free of non-essential staff and visitors.</p>
Visitation	<p>Limit visitors to persons who are required for patient’s emotional well-being.</p> <p>All visitors will be screened for symptoms of acute respiratory illness before visiting.</p> <p>Visitors will be offered PPE (ie surgical mask).</p> <p>Visitors will be educated about the use of PPE and the importance of performing hand hygiene.</p> <p>Visitors will be asked to leave the room during aerosol-generating procedures.</p>
Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection	Routine and terminal cleaning of room will be performed.
Soiled Linen and Waste	Use standard practices. Wear gloves (gown if necessary) when handling and transporting soiled linen and laundry; perform hand hygiene after glove removal.
Soiled Patient Care Equipment	Use hospital approved disinfectants and wipes. Wear gloves and perform hand hygiene after handling equipment.
Discontinuation of Isolation	Isolation will be discontinued only with the approval of Infection Control.
Discharge or Movement of Patient from Room	Maintain Maximum Isolation Precautions (negative-pressure room with door closed) for 1 hour after patient vacates the room.