

**Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation for Suspected or Confirmed COVID**  
**Summary of Infection Control Practices**

Activity	Procedures
Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation order	Place an order for Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation for any patient who is being test for COVID-19 or for whom a provider has high suspicion, even if the patient is not tested.
Communication and Patient Placement	Place patient in a standard room and close the door if possible. Remove unnecessary supplies. If an aerosol generating procedure is anticipated: Place in negative pressure room if available Ensure that negative pressure is activated immediately per affiliate policy. Place a Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation sign outside patient room. If patient is using a commode or bed pan, use a liner. Cohort patients only with Infection Control approval.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Disposable or reusable yellow gown (ensure ties are not knotted) Gloves Surgical mask Eye protection (face shield or mask with eye shield) If aerosol generating procedure, especially for those at head of bed intubating, extubating, or performing CPR 1. N95 mask with eye protection 2. CAPR/PAPR for staff who fail N95 fit test
Removal (Doffing) of PPE (request a “buddy” to assist if desired to minimize the potential for contamination)	1. Remove gown and gloves prior to leaving the room 2. Perform hand hygiene 3. Exit room while wearing mask and eye protection 4. Remove eye protection and mask, clean with a purple PDI wipe and place in a bag 5. Perform hand hygiene 6. If PAPR/CAPR was used, follow doffing instruction sheet and appropriate cleaning procedure
Hand Hygiene	All staff will perform hand hygiene before donning PPE and when doffing PPE as described above.
Patient Source Control	Patient should don a mask when anyone enters the room if possible
Dietary	Dietary staff will not enter room to conserve PPE. Disposable trays will be used.
Patient Transport	Transport is limited to <u>essential services only</u> . Patient <u>must</u> wear a surgical mask during transport. Drape or “mummy-wrap” the patient with a clean sheet. The transporter will wear a mask with eye shield while transporting the patient and will bring clean gloves. Elevator should be free of non-essential staff and visitors.

Visitation	<p>Visitation is restricted. If visitation is allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit visitors to persons who are required for patient's emotional well-being.</li> <li>• All visitors will be screened for symptoms of acute respiratory illness before visiting.</li> <li>• Visitors will be offered PPE and will be educated about the use of PPE as well as hand hygiene.</li> <li>• Visitors will be asked to leave the room during aerosol-generating procedures.</li> </ul>
Diagnostic and other procedures being performed	<p>The patient must wear a mask during the entire procedure</p> <p>The staff in the room will follow the PPE instructions as described above for donning and doffing</p> <p>Close the door during the procedure.</p>
Specimen Collection	<p>When collecting a COVID swab, the patient will wear a mask over their mouth in case they cough.</p> <p>This specimen can be collected by a RN who has been educated. See video on NP swab for correct technique.</p> <p>A specimen is collected, labeled at the bedside, and passed through the door to a second person holding a biohazard bag.</p> <p>The specimen is hand delivered in the secondary bag to the lab. The pneumatic tube is never used for COVID swabs.</p>
Environmental Cleaning, Disinfection, & Removal of Linen and Waste	<p>ESD personnel will clean the room using a hospital approved disinfectant product for routine and terminal cleaning.</p> <p>If RN communicates recent aerosol generating procedure as listed on the isolation sign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain negative pressure (door closed) for affiliate facility recommendations following discharge.</li> <li>• The room can be cleaned during that time while wearing N95 mask and PPE as described above.</li> </ul> <p>Follow Standard Precautions when when handling and transporting soiled.</p>
Contaminated Patient Care Equipment	<p>Use a hospital approved product for COVID-19 (purple PDI wipes). Wear gloves and perform hand hygiene after handling equipment. Minimize equipment in the room such as cell phones or Ascom phones.</p>
Discontinuation of Isolation can only occur with approval of Infection Control or the Nursing Supervisor	<p>If a patient is tested for COVID 19 and the result is negative (NOT DETECTED):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discontinue Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation</li> <li>2. Order appropriate isolation based on patient's history and/or clinical presentation</li> </ol>
Post-Mortem Preparation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collect COVID-19 swab per Department of Health regulations if not previously collected and hand deliver to the lab</li> <li>2. When preparing to place the patient in a shroud, roll the patient and place a clean sheet under the patient and place the shroud over it. Roll the patient to the other side and pull the clean sheet through and then the shroud. Once patient is transferred to the morgue stretcher, wipe the outside of the shroud with a purple PDI wipe.</li> </ol>