



# DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

## PRECAUCIONES DE TRANSMISIÓN POR GOTAS



Family/Visitors should not visit if having signs or symptoms of an infection or a communicable disease. Visitation also based on facility's policy.

*Los familiares y visitantes no deben visitar si tienen señales o síntomas de infección o de una enfermedad contagiosa. Las visitas también dependen de la política de la instalación.*

**Follow instructions below before entering room.**  
**Antes de entrar a la habitación, siga las instrucciones a continuación.**

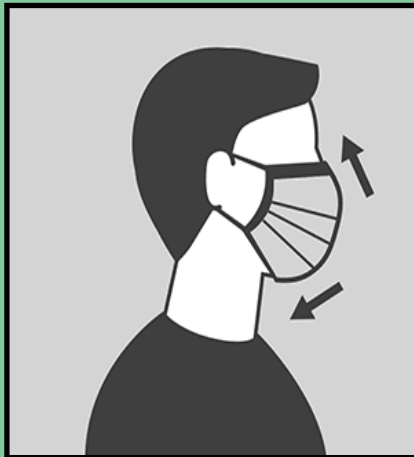
### Everyone must:



Clean hands before entering and when leaving room.

### Todos deben:

*Lavarse las manos antes de entrar y al salir de la habitación.*



Wear surgical/procedure mask when entering the room and remove after exiting the room.

*Usar una mascarilla quirúrgica o para procedimientos al entrar a la habitación y quitársela después de salir de la habitación.*

**Additional PPE may be required per Standard Precautions.**

*Es posible que se exija equipo de protección personal adicional según las precauciones estándar.*

# Droplet Precautions

*Remove sign after room is terminally cleaned upon discharge or discontinuation of precautions.*

## Common conditions (per CDC guidelines)

*B. pertussis* (Whooping cough)

Influenza virus

Rhinovirus

Known or suspected *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningococcal) and *H. influenzae* meningitis

Mumps

Rubella

Parvovirus B19

## **Room Placement:**

Use private room when available. When private rooms are unavailable, place together in the same room persons who are colonized or infected with the same pathogen.

Spatial separation of  $\geq 3$  feet and drawing the curtain between patient beds is especially important for patients in multi-bed rooms with infections transmitted by the droplet route.

## **Personal Protective Equipment**

### Put on in this order

- Alcohol based handrub or wash with soap and water if visibly soiled

Mask– Cover nose, mouth, and chin. If wearing a mask with ties, all ties must be secured.

### Take off and dispose in this order

- Mask– Do NOT grasp front of the mask when removing. Grasp bottom ties then the ties at top and pull away from face. For ear loop masks stretch the ear loops, remove, and handle only ear loops.
  - Alcohol based handrub or wash hands with soap and water if visibly soiled.

## **Dishes/Utensils:**

No special precautions. Should be managed in accordance with routine procedures.

## **Room Cleaning:**

Follow facility policy for Droplet Precautions

## **Trash and Linen Management:**

Bag linen and trash in patient/resident room (double bagging of trash or linen is not necessary unless outside of bag visibly contaminated).

## **Transport:**

Essential transport only. Place patient/resident in a medical grade mask. Clean and disinfect transport equipment. Alert receiving department regarding patient/resident isolation precaution status.

## **Duration of Precautions:**

For guidance for duration of precautions, follow Appendix A- Type and Duration of Precautions Recommended for Selected Infections and Conditions within the CDC's 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings