

PATIENTS, FAMILY, AND VISITORS



Contact Enteric Precautions

You or your loved one is in Contact Enteric Precautions. These precautions prevent spread of infection between patients in hospitals. This type of infection is spread by directly touching the patient or something they have touched.

A light brown with brown sign saying “Contact Enteric Precautions” is outside the room letting staff, families, and visitors know what they can do to help keep patients safe.

As patient, family, or visitor you must help by:

- When entering use hand sanitizer. When leaving wash with soap and water.
- Family and visitors should not eat in room.
- Do Not use patient bathroom.
- Limiting where you go outside the room unless given permission by the nurse so that germs are not spread to other patients, visitors, and staff.
- Asking doctors and staff to wash their hands as they enter and leave the room even if they are using gloves.
- Limiting visitors.

You will see doctors and staff doing the following:

Hand Hygiene

- Cleaning hands before and after caring for the patient.

Gloves, Gowns, Masks, Goggles

- They must wear gloves and gown while in the room and remove them before leaving. They might also wear mask and goggles.

Transportation

- If the patient needs to go out of the room for a test, staff will help the patient to put on a clean gown.
- Staff will promote hand hygiene.

If you have additional questions about Contact Enteric Precautions, ask your nurse.

