



AIRBORNE CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)



**RESTRICTED VISITATION
ENTER ONLY IF IMMUNE**

(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)

Everyone Must:



Clean hands when entering and leaving the room

Doctors and Staff Must:



Wear gown & glove before entering the room



Patient Placement:



Airborne Infection Isolation Room Required
(negative pressure)
Keep door closed



Airborne Contact Precautions

If patient has diarrhea and/or C.difficile add Contact Enteric Precautions

Display sign outside the door. At patient discharge, remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

Common Conditions:

- Chickenpox
- Disseminated herpes zoster (shingles)
- Localized zoster in immunocompromised individuals

Doctors, Staff, Families, and Visitors enter room only if immune (by history, titer, or immunization)!

Be certain to educate visitors **NOT** to enter unless immune – parents and siblings who have not had the disease or immunization may be incubating the disease and be contagious for two days prior to the onset of rash or other symptoms, putting other patients and staff at risk.

Airborne Infection Isolation Room:

Comply with Facility Policy regarding airflow monitoring.

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential equipment and supplies in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including intravenous pumps, cell phone or pagers (if used in room), and other electronics, supplies, and other equipment prior to removing from patient's room.
- Ensure blood pressure cuff and stethoscope are cleaned and disinfected between patients.

Linen Management:

Bag linen in the patient's room

Personal Protective Equipment:

Standard and Tear-away Gown

Three-part Gown

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| Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. Gown 3. Mask (if needed) 4. Eye cover (if vesicles not crusted over) 5. Gloves | Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. Gown 3. Mask (if needed) 4. Eye cover (if vesicles not crusted over) 5. Gloves |
| Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gloves 2. Eye cover (if used) 3. Gown 4. Mask (if used) 5. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> (even if gloves used) | Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gown and gloves at the same time (grab gown and pull off gloves in one movement) 2. Eye cover (if used) 3. Mask (if used) 4. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> (even if gloves used) |

Room Cleaning:

Follow facility policy for Airborne Contact Precautions disinfection and curtain change requirements.

Transport:

Essential transport only. Have patient wear a surgical mask. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Discontinue precautions as per Facility Policy or Infection Prevention and Control Team

