



# CONTACT ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)

*(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)*



## Everyone Must:

Clean hands with sanitizer when entering room  
Wash with SOAP AND WATER UPON LEAVING ROOM

Gown and glove when entering the room



## Doctors and Staff Must:



Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment

Clean and disinfect shared equipment before leaving room



# Contact Enteric Precautions

Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

## Common Conditions:

- Acute diarrhea
- Clostridioides *difficile* (*C. difficile*, *C. diff*)
- Norovirus
- Rotavirus

## Dietary:

**Family and visitors should not eat in the room.**

## 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 patient's room.

**Personal Protective Equipment: USE SOAP AND WATER TO WASH HANDS WHEN LEAVING ROOM**

Standard and Tear-away Gown

Three-part Gown

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Put <b>ON</b> in this order:<br>1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u><br>2. Gown<br>3. Mask (if needed)<br>4. Eye cover (if needed)<br>5. Gloves  | Put <b>ON</b> in this order:<br>1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u><br>2. Gown<br>3. Mask (if needed)<br>4. Eye cover (if needed)<br>5. Gloves  |
| Take <b>OFF</b> & dispose in this order:<br>1. Gloves<br>2. Eye cover (if used)<br>3. Gown<br>4. Mask (if used)<br>5. <u>Must wash with soap and water</u><br>(even if gloves used) | Take <b>OFF</b> & dispose in this order:<br>1. Gown and gloves at the same time<br>(grab gown and pull off gloves in one movement)<br>2. Eye cover (if used)<br>3. Mask (if used)<br>4. <u>Must wash with soap and water</u><br>(even if gloves used) |

## Private Room:

If not available, please follow facility policy when cohorting patients.

## Room Cleaning:

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

**Clean and disinfect with sporicidal-based disinfectant as per facility policy.**

## Transport:

**Essential transport only.** Place patient in clean gown. 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**

