

**Maximum Isolation Precautions for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Summary of Infection Control Practices**

Activity	Recommendations
Patient Triage	See system-wide algorithms on the Lifespan intranet. <a href="https://intranet.lifespan.org/department-sites/infection-control-lifespan/coronavirus-covid-19-provider-resources">https://intranet.lifespan.org/department-sites/infection-control-lifespan/coronavirus-covid-19-provider-resources</a>
Communication and Patient Placement	Ensure that negative pressure is activated immediately per affiliate policy. Remove unnecessary supplies. Place a Maximum Isolation Precautions sign outside patient room. Keep the door closed. Maintain a log of all healthcare workers & visitors who enter the patient’s room. (Special Pathogen Log) If patient is using a commode or bed pan, use a liner. Cohort patients only with Infection Control approval.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Disposable gown (yellow impervious) Gloves A fit-tested N95 respirator Eye protection (face shield or mask with eye shield) CAPR/PAPR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For staff who fail N95 fit test</li> <li>2. If aerosol generating procedure, especially for those at head of bed intubating, extubating, or performing CPR</li> </ol>
Removal (Doffing) of PPE (request a “buddy” to assist if desired)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remove gown and gloves prior to leaving the room</li> <li>2. Perform hand hygiene</li> <li>3. Exit room and close the door (while still wearing N95 mask and shield) <b><i>Face shield: don gloves and remove. Clean with purple PDI wipe, discard gloves, and clean hands. Place in labeled bag</i></b> <b><i>Mask with eye shield: remove and place in a labeled bag</i></b></li> <li>4. Remove N95 mask or place in a labeled paper bag for reuse (if not compromised)</li> <li>5. Repeat hand hygiene</li> </ol>
Hand Hygiene	All staff will perform hand hygiene before donning PPE and when doffing PPE as described above.
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.
Testing being performed in an environment that is <b>NOT</b> under negative pressure	The patient must wear a mask during the entire procedure The staff in the room wear a disposable gown, gloves and mask with eye shield Close the door during the procedure. Leave door closed for length of time determined by affiliate facility recommendations

	The room can be cleaned during that defined time while wearing PPE as above while keeping the door closed
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>
Specimen Collection	<p>When collecting the NP 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.</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>Maintain negative pressure (door closed) for affiliate facility recommendations following discharge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The room can be cleaned during that time while wearing Maximum Isolation PPE as described above.</li> </ul> <p>Follow Standard Precautions when when handling and transporting soiled.</p>
Contaminated Patient Care Equipment	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.
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 Maximum Isolation</li> <li>2. Place the patient on Contact and Droplet Isolation if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Patient was exposed to a COVID 19 positive person (per Infection Coding: “Exposed to COVID-19”)</li> <li>b. Patient has a positive RPP</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. If Contact/Droplet Isolation is not indicated, no isolation is needed (unless MRSA, VRE etc.)</li> </ol>
Discharge or Movement of Patient from Room	<p>Maintain negative pressure (door closed) for affiliate facility recommendations following discharge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The room can be cleaned during that time while wearing Maximum Isolation PPE as described above</li> </ul>
Expired Patient	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 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.