



Droplet Precautions

Gown for contact with patient

Gloves for contact with infectious material

Mask & Goggles for aerosolisation procedures

Remove PPE and **wash/ gel** hands before leaving the bedspace

Equipment - use patient dedicated equipment where possible. Decontaminate all equipment before removing from the bedspace.

Friends & family - gown and gloves as advised. Please wash / gel hands before leaving the bedspace

Always wash/ gel hands after leaving the patient

Droplet Precautions are intended to prevent transmission of infectious agents generated by coughing, sneezing, talking or from certain procedures such as respiratory suctioning and bronchoscopy. Droplets (>5 microns) can be propelled short distances (usually < 1 meter).

Droplet transmitted infections include, but are not limited to

Adenovirus

Bordatella pertussis

Bronchiolitis

Corynebacterium diphtheriae

Group A streptococcus (for the first 24 hours of antibiotic therapy)

Haemophilus influenzae type B

Influenza virus

Neisseria meningitidis

Parainfluenza Virus

Rhinovirus

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Varicella zoster virus

Remove PPE after exiting the bedspace in the following order.

Gloves (and gel hands)

Mask

Gown

Gel hands

Patient transport & equipment –

Minimise patient transport

Notify receiving department of isolation precautions

Use surgical mask on patient during transport

Use patient dedicated equipment where possible.

Decontaminate all equipment after leaving the bedspace