

Airborne Precautions



In addition to standard precautions
In The Operating Theatre

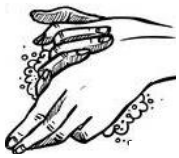


**FULL P.P.E REQUIRED BEFORE
ENTERING**

KEEP DOORS CLOSED AT ALL TIMES

Prior to patient arriving in theatre

Donning P.P.E will be controlled, one staff member to provide supportive coaching



1. Perform Hand Hygiene

2. Disposable Surgical Hat

3. Surgical Booties

4. Perform Hand Hygiene

5. Put on a Gown

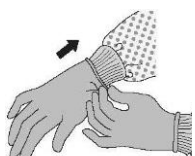


6. Put on a N95 (P2) Mask

7. Put on a Protective Eyewear



8. Perform Hand Hygiene



9. Wear Gloves & ensure Gown Cuff is enclosed

Before leaving theatre

Doffing P.P.E in the following order:

1. Remove Surgical Booties

2. Assistant unties Gown & wearer removes



3. Remove Gloves

4. Perform Hand Hygiene



5. Remove Eyewear

Outside Theatre

6. Remove Mask (touching tapes only)



7. Remove Disposable Hat



8. Perform Hand Hygiene

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Signs to be posted on all entry points – doors to remain closed

Airborne precautions are intended to prevent transmission of infectious agents that can remain suspended in the air and be widely dispersed by air currents within a room or over a long distance. Airborne particles are generally <5 microns.

Airborne transmitted infections include, but are not limited to:

Disease	Mask Type
Open Pulmonary Tuberculosis	N95 (P2)
Measles	N95 (P2)
Varicella Zoster (including chickenpox and disseminated shingles)	N95 (P2)
Novel Diseases	Refer to Infection Control
COVID 19	N95 (P2)

Patient Transport and Equipment:

- Minimise patient transport
- Notify receiving department of isolation precautions
- Use surgical mask on patient during transport
- Staff to wear N95 (P2) mask for transport
- Use patient dedicated equipment where possible
- Decontaminate all equipment after leaving the theatre

Information for parents and carers:

- Explain precautions
- If there is a transmission risk, parents or carers should wear a surgical mask when leaving the patient room and during transport to theatre

More Information:

Transmission Based Precautions:
https://www.rch.org.au/infection_control/policy_procedures/