CONTACT ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS

Visitors check in with Nursing before entering.

PRIOR TO ENTERING:

Wash or gel hands before entering room

Wear a gown and gloves

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment.

Clean and disinfect shared equipment with sporicidal/bleach cleaner.

Use SOAP AND WATER upon leaving the room.

Display outside door. At patient discharge, remove sign AFTER room is terminally cleaned.
Sign to be removed by Environmental Services after precaution discontinuation and room cleaned.

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Steps below are reflective for all PPE and gather only PPE as listed on first page in addition to other PPE per Standard Precautions.

Putting on PPE (Donning)

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Put on isolation gown, secure ties/straps
3. Put on respirator or face mask, ensure appropriate and well fitting
4. Put on face shield or goggles
5. Put on gloves

Taking off PPE (Doffing)

1. While in the patient's room, remove gloves without contaminating hands.
2. Remove gown - Untie/unsnap ties, break ties if applicable for disposable gowns. Remove by grabbing one shoulder at a time to remove each arm, continue to pull gown down and away from the body. Roll gown as it is removed and place in the proper receptacle. You may now exit the room.
3. Upon exit, perform hand hygiene (use soap & water if visibly soiled, encountered stool, or were in Contact Enteric Precautions).
4. Remove face shield/goggles -avoid touching the front of eye protection that may be contaminated.
5. Remove and properly handle respirator/face mask – avoid touching the front that may be contaminated and dispose or decontaminate as appropriate.
6. Repeat hand hygiene.

FOR USE WITH CONDITIONS SUCH AS (Refer to facility policy):

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

PATIENT PLACEMENT

- Place patient in private room with private bathroom. If not available, follow facility guidelines for cohorting.

DISHES & UTENSILS

- No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

DIETARY

- Family and visitors may not eat in the room.

LINEN & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Bag linen in the patient's room. Avoid excessive handling and do not shake linen. For bio-hazard waste, follow Category B Medical Waste guidelines.

ROOM CLEANING

- Follow facility policy for disinfection and privacy curtain change. Clean and disinfect with sporicidal-based disinfectant/bleach as per facility policy.

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

- Only essential equipment and supplies in the patient's room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment/patient's room with disinfectant per facility policy.

TRANSPORT

- Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.
- Patient should wash their hands with soap and water. Have the patient wear a new clean patient gown and/or cover the patient with a new clean sheet.
- Transporter removes PPE and cleans hands with soap and water prior to exiting the patient's room. If direct contact is anticipated during transport, wear appropriate PPE.
- Clean and disinfect transport vehicle with sporicidal-based disinfectant/bleach.

Discontinue isolation per Facility Policy. Sign to be removed by Environmental Services after precaution discontinuation and room cleaned

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