




Guidelines for Isolation Precautions:  
Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings

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Symptom Pattern	Disease	PPE	Additional Considerations **
Fever + headache and/or neck stiffness	Meningitis	Mask, Eye protection	Mask for 24 hours after effective treatment given; eye protection for intubation
Swelling of cheeks, jaw	Mumps	Gloves, Mask	Exclude susceptible health care professionals from the room; isolation is for 5 days after the onset of swelling
Rash – palms and soles, oral ulcers	Hand,foot and mouth disease	Gloves	Mask for 24 hours after effective treatment given; eye protection for intubation
Fever + rash	Measles	Respirator*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative pressure room</li> <li>All HCW should be aware of immunization status***</li> <li>Limit transport unless medically necessary.</li> <li>Mask patient if they need to be transported.</li> </ul>
Deep/major wound (drainage and/or purple necrotic center)	Invasive Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>	Gloves, Mask, Gown	Wear PPE for 24 hours after effective therapy is initiated and drainage is contained.
Cough, hypoxia, fever	SARS-CoV-2	Gloves, Gown Mask/Respirator*	Negative pressure room
Diarrhea	<i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Norovirus	Gloves, Gown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean hands with soap and water after providing patient care.</li> <li>Mask and eye protection if vomiting is anticipated.</li> <li>Mask if cleaning heavily contaminated area.</li> </ul>
Vesicular rash	<i>Varicella Zoster (Disseminated)</i>	Gloves, Respirator*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative pressure room</li> <li>Use PPE until lesions are scabbed.</li> <li>All HCW should be aware of immunization status***</li> <li>Standard Precautions if lesions can be covered/localized.</li> </ul>
Hemoptysis; fever, cough in patient with risk factors (endemic geography, history of incarceration or homelessness)	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Respirator*	Negative pressure room

\*N95 or higher respirator is acceptable; perform respirator fit test and seal check.

\*\*Private room is preferred for all patients under isolation.

\*\*\*For IPC information on all infectious agents, see [Appendix A](#).

This simplified chart is based on the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Clinical Syndromes or Conditions.



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