The first line of protection for all healthcare staff is source containment. This means MASK ALL COUGHING PATIENTS when in close contact with others.

PPE standards per care activity for persons under investigation (PUI) & confirmed cases of COVID-19

- Airborne/Contact Precautions
  - N95/PAPR
  - Gown
  - Gloves
  - Face Shield

- Care intervention is an aerosol generating procedure
  - Examples include:
    - Intubation & Assist**
    - Extubation**
    - Bag/mask Ventilation
    - Mechanical Ventilation
    - CPR
    - All Nebulized Medication Delivery
    - All Airway Clearance Modalities
    - All NIV (CPAP / BiPAP) including overnight
    - HFNC (High Flow Nasal Cannula)
    - Non-Closed Suction Techniques**
    - Humidified Trach Collars
    - Open Surgical Airways
    - Percutaneous Trach Procedure**
    - Bronchoalveolar Lavage (blind BAL) **
    - Bronchoscopy & Assist**
    - Pulmonary Function Testing
    - Laryngeal / Vocal Cord Visualization**
    - Upper Endoscopy**
    - TEE Procedure**
  - **Examples of Instrumentation of the Airway

- Room Cleaning Procedures Post Discharge:
  - Based on updated measured airflow in each area.
  - Inpatient Areas - Neutral Air and Retro-fitted rooms: Sit empty for 30 min then clean per standard precautions.
  - Neutral Air and Retro-fitted rooms: Sit empty for 1 hr then clean per standard precautions.
  - All ORs (Including L&D): Sit empty for 30 min then clean per standard precautions.
  - Emergency Department: Sit empty for 30 min then clean per standard precautions.
  - Urgent Care: Sit empty for 10 min then clean per standard precautions.

- Please keep precautions sign up after d/c so EVS knows how to clean.
- Indicate time on door when it is safe to clean room to help EVS know when to clean.
- EVS team will remove precautions signs when room is cleaned.

- Special Droplet/Contact Precautions
  - Examples include:
    - Specimen collection
    - In-line suction of intubated patients
    - Routine care interactions
    - Coughing

- Clean post discharge per standard precautions.

- Staff assisting with instrumentation of airway REGARDLESS of COVID status also use these PPE guidelines.

*Guided by the WHO recommendations for the use of PPE in the care of patients with COVID-19

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