

Airborne Precautions

NOTE THIS IS NOT INTENDED FOR NOVEL RESPIRATORY DISEASES

Facilities must isolate in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) per Cal-OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Disease (ATD) Standards. If the facility is not equipped with a functioning AIIR, they must transfer the patient to a facility that does have an AIIR in 5 hours or less. Facilities may follow these instructions and use this signage in the interim while awaiting for transfer.

Hand Hygiene

Clean hands when entering room and when leaving the room.

PPE

- Wear a fit-tested respirator (N-95 or higher). **Note that for visitors without fit-tested respirators available, provide respirators on-hand with seal checks.**
- Dispose of all PPE before leaving the resident care area. Dispose of mask in the room. PPE is single use.

For Varicella (chickenpox), disseminated zoster, or measles (rubeola):

- If you are immune to varicella or measles, you do not need to wear respiratory protection.
- If you are susceptible (i.e., non-immune), or unaware of your status, report to your supervisor or nurses' station.

Room Assignment

- Door must be closed at all times, including when the resident is out of room.

Visitors

- Visitors shall follow Airborne Precautions as outlined above.
- for visitors without fit-tested respirators available, provide respirators on-hand with seal checks.

Resident Transport

- If transport is necessary, place a medical-grade mask on the resident.
- Notify the receiving department or facility that Airborne Precautions are required. Use the LAC DPH Infectious Organism Transfer form:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/InterfacilityTransfersGuide.pdf>
- Practice hand hygiene before and after transporting the resident.

Room Cleaning

- Use standard precautions.
- **DISCHARGE CLEANING:** The room should remain unoccupied for enough time to allow for complete air exchange to occur. There should be at least 6 to 12 air exchanges per hour, and air should be directly exhausted to the outside. In most facilities, this time is usually 2-3 hours, depending on the air handling capacity of the facility.

Ambulation

- Resident should only leave room for necessary treatment, e.g., radiology or surgery.
- Resident shall wear a medical-grade mask for the entire duration they are outside the room.

Please scan the QR code on the right to view the CDC's Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings



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publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/SNF.htm

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