

Infection Prevention

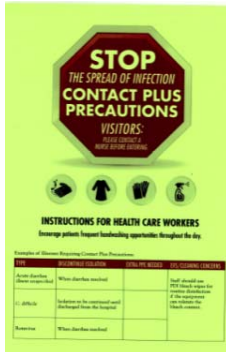
Hand Hygiene with either alcohol based hand rub or soap and water.

- Before touching patients
- Before putting on sterile or clean gloves
- Before handling invasive devices such as IV catheters or urinary catheters
- After touching a patient or anything in their immediate vicinity
- After removing gloves
- If moving from a contaminated body site to a clean body site during a patient exam
- On entrance and exit of patient rooms
- Soap and water required after caring for patients in contact PLUS precautions

Isolation Precautions: Always follow posted isolation guidelines. Correct PPE is required upon entry into all isolation rooms. PPE is located outside all patient rooms in the drawers.

****PHYSICIAN ORDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO PLACE PATIENTS INTO ISOLATION****

Mercy follows CDC recommendations for isolation.



Contact (yellow): Gown and gloves

Contact Plus (green): Gown and gloves. Used for Enteric diseases. Hand hygiene with soap and water and bleach wipes for disinfection required.

Droplet (purple): Isolation mask

Airborne (Blue): N95 mask or PAPR required. Inpatient rooms are located on ICC, 51PMC, 81Peds and 91CSC. Notify house supervisor when admitting a patient that airborne isolation is needed.

Cleaning/ Disinfection: Wipes are available in the alcove drawers outside the patient rooms.

- Use Super Sani Wipes (purple top) to clean off equipment after use on a patient.
- Patients in Contact Plus Isolation for C Diff require disinfection with Bleach Super Sani Wipes (Orange top)

