

Airborne Precautions Safety Huddle for EVS

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Perform Hand Hygiene (HH) prior to putting on PPE.

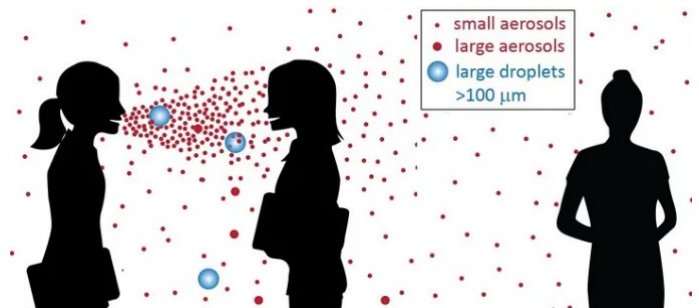
All Healthcare Workers (HCW) shall don a **fit tested N95 respirator** prior to entering the patient room.

If additional PPE was used based on point-of care risk assessment (i.e. gloves or gown), remove all PPE in patient room **except** for the N95 respirator. Perform HH after removing each piece of PPE. Exit patient room and close door. Only after exiting the room, remove N95 and perform HH.

If the N95 respirator becomes damp, damaged, or soiled while in patient room, exit room as soon as possible to doff, perform HH and don a new N95 respirator if re-entry is required.

Airborne Transmission

When a person with the infection breathes, coughs, or sneezes, the germs can spread through the air. These tiny droplets can stay in the air for hours and people may become infected by breathing them in, even after the infected person has left the room.



Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

Room surfaces and equipment cleaning and disinfection is required daily using IH approved products and procedures.

EVS completes an Additional Precaution (AP) Discharge Clean and Disinfection of the room when:

- The patient is discharged or transferred
- Airborne Precautions are discontinued

Keep room vacant with door closed post-discharge for **45 minutes** in Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) OR **2 hours** for a non-AIIR.

If cleaning and disinfection is required before the above times have lapsed, an N95 shall be worn by any person who enters the space.

EVS removes sign after AP Discharge Clean and Disinfection is completed.

Discussion

Can you enter an Airborne Precaution room if you have not been fit-tested?

Where should you remove your N95?

You are asked to complete an Additional Precaution clean on an Airborne Precaution room. When can you enter the room without an N95?



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