

Inpatient Wards - Isolation & Cleaning

Categories below refer to the [Clinical Assessment Tool Level 3](#):

COVID CATEGORY	TYPE OF ROOM	PPE / PRECAUTIONS	DISCHARGE CLEANING
'CONFIRMED or PROBABLE COVID-19'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Pressure Room (NPR) 'Confirmed' can be cohorted (and share bathroom) with other 'confirmed' patients in a multi-bed room 'Probable' <u>must not</u> be cohorted <u>nor</u> share bathroom 	<p>BLACK ISOLATION DOOR SIGN – Enhanced Droplet & Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95/P2 mask, gown, gloves, eye protection Patient (and parent/caregiver) to wear procedure mask or N95/P2 mask if tolerated 	BIOQUELL
'SUSPECTED COVID-19' <i>Symptoms + any epi risk</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Pressure Room (NPR) No Cohorts; cannot share a bathroom 	<p>BLACK ISOLATION DOOR SIGN – Enhanced Droplet & Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	BIOQUELL
'COVID-19 EXPOSURE' <i>High epi risk, no symptoms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGP* → Negative Pressure Room (NPR) No AGP* → single room (door closed) No Cohorts; cannot share a bathroom 	<p>BLACK ISOLATION DOOR SIGN – Enhanced Droplet & Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above 	BIOQUELL
'LOW RISK CONTACT' <i>Low epi risk, no symptoms</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single, however <i>can</i> be cohorted with other patients - curtains must be closed between patients If having AGP*, see separate AGP guideline Can use a shared bathroom – patient to wear a procedure mask if leaving bed space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard precautions + procedure mask (patient & staff) for all face-to-face encounters If having AGP*, see separate AGP guideline Patient (and parent/caregiver) to wear procedure mask + maintain 1m physical distancing if leaving bed space Cease precautions 14 days after last exposure/contact 	MANUAL ISOLATION ROOM CLEAN
'VIRAL SYMPTOMS' <i>Symptoms, no epi risk (prior to COVID test result & de-escalation decision)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single, however <i>can</i> be cohorted with other 'Viral Symptoms' patients ONLY – curtains must be closed between patients If having AGP*, see separate AGP guideline Can use a shared bathroom – patient to wear a procedure mask if leaving bedspace 	<p>ORANGE ISOLATION DOOR SIGN – Droplet & Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N95/P2 mask, gown, gloves, eye protection Patient (and parent/caregiver) to wear procedure mask + maintain 2m physical distancing if leaving bed space Review COVID test results & status daily. Refer to De-escalation Tool for criteria to cease precautions 	MANUAL ISOLATION ROOM CLEAN

NOTE – This guideline only refers to inpatient ward isolation & cleaning. Refer to service-specific guidelines for other aspects of management in these patient groups, and in other service areas e.g. theatres, outpatient clinics, allied health, radiology, procedures etc.

* AGP = Aerosol-Generating Procedures (nebulisers; high-flow nasal prongs; Non-Invasive Ventilation; tracheal intubation; bronchoscopy; tracheostomy; invasive upper airway procedures; Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation; spacer administration in an unco-operative infant/child)

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