

COBBLE HILL HEALTH CENTER, INC.

DEPARTMENT: ALL

SUBJECT: PPE USE on all transmission base precaution areas

POLICY:

PPE is used on transmission base precaution areas (standard precaution, contact precaution, droplet precaution and strict contact droplet precaution)

PURPOSE: To provide a continuous barrier and prevent the spread of infections.

NOTE: Effective May 18, 2023, we are no longer mandating our personnel to wear a mask When entering the facility.

We will continue to follow infection control measures and apply PPE for residents that are on precautions.

PROCEDURE:

PPE use with all Transmission-Base Precautions

Standard Precautions -are the minimum infection prevention practices that apply to all patient care.

These practices are designed to protect HCP and residents and prevent HCP from spreading infections among patients.

Standard Precautions includes:

- Proper hand washing for at least 20 seconds or sanitizing hands with an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Gloves use:
 - Don clean, non-sterile gloves upon entry into a resident's room to provide care.
 - Change gloves if they become torn or heavily contaminated.
 - Remove and discard used gloves prior to leaving the resident's room

- Perform hand hygiene (sanitize/wash your hands) before exiting the room.

Contact Precautions- In addition to measures indicated above.

Contact Precautions involve the use of barriers such as a disposable gown to prevent transmission of organisms by direct or indirect contact with resident or contaminated objects in the resident's immediate environment

Droplet precautions - used to prevent contact with mucus and other secretions from the nose and sinuses, throat, airways, and lungs when a person talks, sneezes, or coughs.

In addition to measures indicated above a surgical mask must be worn when entering the resident's room and changed between residents.

STRICT contact/droplet precautions –

In addition to the above PPE and hand washing the employees must wear an N95 mask, and eye protection when:

- Entering affected units
- Prior to entering a red zone
- Prior to entering a room with an exposed resident

Procedure:

• **Prior to entering the resident's room**

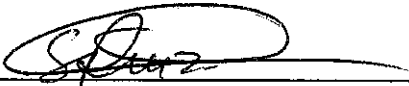
- Wash hands
- Put on gown.
 - Tie neck
 - Bring edges of gown together at the back
 - Tie waist strings securely in the back. Be sure to cover the entire uniform.
- Apply gloves.
- Follow Infection Control guidelines including avoid touching counters, equipment with dirty gloves.

• **When leaving the resident's room:**

- Remove gloves and dispose of them.
- Remove gown by pulling the gown forward away from the body, remove one sleeve at the time from inside out without touching the outside of the gown, hold gown from inside, roll down and dispose it.

- The N95 and discard (avoid touching the front of the mask)
- Washes hands
- **Outside the resident's room**
 - Remove and sanitize face shield with bleach wipes.
- When residents are placed on **"Transmission base precautions"**
 - Inform Housekeeping
 - Place a sign for the type of precaution to alert the staff and visitors.
 - Place PPE Cart outside the resident's room
 - Place a red bin to dispose of used PPE and waste in the resident's room close to the exit door.
- Ensure that an adequate supply of disposable PPE is kept outside the resident's room in the PPE cart.
 - A housekeeping aide at the beginning of the shift and at the end of the shift will replenish the supply of PPE in the isolation cart.
 - Nursing staff will check cart during the shift if needed PPE will be supplied upon nurse's request to housekeeping and when residents are placed on precautions.
- Nurses must use with **aerosolized procedures** and **when suctioning** N95 mask and eye protections.
- On the **unaffected units'** employees must continue to practice proper infection control measures:
 - Proper hand hygiene
 - Avoid touching their eyes, mouth, and nose.
 - wear N95 mask and eye protection throughout the unit, change the N95 and clean the eye shield between residents followed by hand washing.

- The facility maintains at least 60 days of PPE supplies including: N95 masks, surgical masks, eye protection, face shields, and disposable gowns and will continue to purchase from our vendors to ensure that we always have the supply needed to protect our staff and keep them safe.
- The stockpile will serve as an emergency backstop for PPE supplies in case of an outbreak if we reach below 7 days supplies used all other options for purchasing PPE then we can request supplies from the NYC PPE Stockpile.
- All emergency NYC PPE Stockpile requests will be placed through the **Medline.com** website and delivered directly to our account ship-to location subject to approvals from NYC.

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