

Respiratory Virus Screening, Testing, and Isolation Precautions Summary Table

JHM Outpatient

2009 -2010 Season (Enhanced Respiratory Virus Stage 2)

Effective 9/30/09 until further notice

Patient Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbally screen all outpatients for fever, cough, and sore throat (ask if they have fever, cough, or sore throat) at the front desks. • If an outpatient has a fever, cough, or sore throat, offer them a surgical mask to wear. • Documentation of screening is not required for outpatients unless the patient is being admitted. Patients being admitted should have a completed *Respiratory Screening Card placed in their chart.
Patient testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient testing is at the clinical discretion of the provider. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If collecting specimen by nasopharyngeal aspirate, wear a fit-tested N95 with eye protection or a PAPR, gown and gloves. Prescription eye glasses are not considered adequate eye protection. For more information on how to collect a nasopharyngeal aspirate, go to: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/ID/h1n1/npa.html • If collecting specimen by nasal swab, wear a surgical/procedure mask (fit-tested N95 or PAPR is not required) and eye protection, gown and gloves. For more information on how to collect a nasal swab, go to: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/ID/h1n1/npa.pdf
When do I wear an N95 mask or PAPR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks plus eye protection or PAPRs are needed for aerosol generating procedures on all suspected respiratory virus patients until influenza A is ruled out. Aerosol-generating procedures include: Nasopharyngeal aspirate (not swab), bronchoscopy, nebulizer treatments, intubation, suctioning. • Healthcare workers with potential for patient contact during these procedures must be fit tested before using N95.
When do I wear a surgical mask?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a surgical mask and eye protection for care of patients on isolation for respiratory viruses (including collection of NP swab) Wear an N95 respirator and eye protection or a PAPR during aerosol generating procedures. • If you have a cough, runny nose, sore throat, and have been cleared to work – wear the surgical/ procedure mask within 6 feet of patients.
Cleaning and Disinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All reusable equipment, including the exam table, BP cuffs, and other vital sign equipment shall be wiped down daily or more often if soiled or in contact with patient with contagious illness with an approved germicidal solution for the contact time required for the germicidal solution used. (3 minutes for Cavi Wipes) • The following shall be cleaned & disinfected weekly or if soiled: computers & keyboards, exam lights, scales, procedural equipment, telephones. <p>For further information, please see: IFC023 Isolation Policy, Appendix VIII, Isolation in Johns Hopkins Outpatient Settings: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/policies/pdf/IFC023isolation_VIII.pdf</p>

Hospital Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one with fever may work until 24 hours after fever has resolved (without antipyretics). • All personnel with respiratory symptoms and a fever must call or report to their supervisor and must call Occupational Health Services (OHS) (7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, 410-614-1620; all other times 410-955-5000 and ask for OHS nurse on-call). • OHS must clear personnel for return to work after febrile respiratory illness. • Personnel who have household members with probable/confirmed 2009 H1N1 are not prohibited from working. They must perform daily symptom checks until 4 days after their household member is afebrile (without antipyretics). • All health care workers should strictly adhere to isolation precautions/use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and clean their hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient information sheet: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/ID/h1n1/Patient_Info_Sheet.pdf • How to order gowns, gloves, masks, goggles: http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/ID/h1n1/PPE_Ordering_Information.pdf • HEIC (Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control) 410-955-8384. * The Respiratory Screening Card, antiviral prophylaxis and treatment guidance, directions for obtaining NP aspirates and swabs, the Employee Symptom Diary and other H1N1 information can be found at www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/h1n1

Mask Types & PAPR

- Surgical





•N95



•PAPR