

Johns Hopkins Hospital 2011-12 Respiratory Virus Season

Patient and Visitor Information

- ❖ *Always clean your hands using soap and water or Purell before entering and when leaving a patient room.*

While you are being evaluated for a viral respiratory illness and if a respiratory virus is identified:

- ❖ You are on droplet precautions. This means that family members, visitors and staff are expected to wear a gown and gloves to enter your room and wear a mask with eye protection when within 6 feet of you.
- ❖ To maximize your safety and the safety of other patients, you may be required to change rooms during your hospital stay.
- ❖ You must limit your movement around the hospital and only leave your room for essential medical procedures. If you do need to leave your room for a medical procedure, you must clean your hands and put on a mask.
- ❖ Before leaving your room, family members and visitors are expected to remove their gloves, gown and mask, clean their hands and then put on a clean mask (eye protection is not necessary).

Visitation

- ❖ No one with a fever and respiratory symptoms may visit. Anyone with respiratory symptoms but no fever who must enter the hospital should put on a mask as soon as they arrive.
- ❖ Children under the age of 12 years are not allowed to visit any inpatient unit during stage 2 of the respiratory virus season. Some units may implement more stringent restrictions. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

Thank you for helping us prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your doctor or nurse.