

## Respiratory Virus Screening, Testing, and Isolation Precautions Summary Table

### JHM Outpatient

Effective 10/1/11 until further notice

<b>Patient Screening</b>	<p>If an outpatient has a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or other respiratory symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer them a surgical mask to wear and tissues and hand sanitizer to use</li> <li>• Notify clinical staff</li> <li>• Place the patient in an exam room as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Patient testing</b>	<p>Outpatient testing is at the clinical discretion of the provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NP swab/flocked swab is the preferred specimen type. The provider collecting the swab must wear a mask with eye protection, gown and gloves. A fit-tested N95 or PAPR is not required. For more information on how to collect a nasal swab, go to: <a href="http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/id/respiratoryvirus">www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/id/respiratoryvirus</a></li> </ul>
<b>When do I wear an N95 mask or PAPR?</b>	<p>A fit-tested N95 mask plus eye protection or PAPR is needed for aerosol generating procedures on all patients with influenza A or influenza B infection and those with suspected respiratory virus infection until influenza is ruled out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aerosol-generating procedures include bronchoscopy, sputum induction, intubation/extubation, open suctioning, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and autopsies.</li> <li>• Healthcare workers with potential for patient contact during these procedures must be fit tested before using N95.</li> </ul>
<b>When do I wear a surgical mask?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a surgical mask <b>and</b> eye protection, gowns and gloves if an outpatient is coughing or you may come in contact with blood or body fluids.</li> <li>• If an inpatient on droplet precautions comes to the outpatient setting for a procedure/visit, the inpatient droplet precautions protocol should be followed.</li> <li>• If you have a cough, runny nose, sore throat but no fever and have been cleared to work by Occupational Health – wear the surgical/procedure mask within 6 feet of patients.</li> </ul>
<b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. Use an approved germicidal solution for the contact time required for the germicidal solution used (3 minutes for Cavi Wipes, 2 minutes for Super Sani Clothes).</li> <li>• The following shall be cleaned &amp; disinfected weekly or if soiled: computers &amp; keyboards, exam lights, scales, procedural equipment, telephones.</li> <li>• For further information, please see: IFC023 Isolation Policy, Appendix VIII, Isolation in Johns Hopkins Outpatient Settings: <a href="http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/policies/pdf/IFC023isolation_VIII.pdf">http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/policies/pdf/IFC023isolation_VIII.pdf</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Hospital Personnel</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All persons with direct patient contact or working in clinical areas shall receive the influenza vaccine or complete a declination document annually. Anyone who has not been vaccinated for the current year must wear a mask when within 6 feet of a patient. The dates of the mask requirement will be determine by HEIC and based on influenza activity in the local community.</li> <li>• No one with fever may work until 24 hours after fever has resolved (without antipyretics).</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• OHS must clear personnel for return to work after febrile respiratory illness.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to order gowns, gloves, masks, goggles:  <a href="http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/bin/e/f/PPE_Ordering_Information.pdf">http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/bin/e/f/PPE_Ordering_Information.pdf</a></li> <li>• HEIC (Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control)  Respiratory Virus Information: <a href="http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/id/respiratoryvirus">http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/heic/id/respiratoryvirus</a>  Phone number: 410-955-8384  Emergency Pager: 410-283-3855</li> </ul>

Examples of Mask Types & PAPR

• Surgical



•N95



•PAPR

