

**IFC023 APPENDIX I: ISOLATION PRECAUTION CHART**

All employees must follow Standard Precautions for all patients. Standard Precautions are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection. Simply put, Standard Precautions means putting a barrier between the health care worker and the blood or body fluid of any patient. Standard Precautions consist of the following elements:

• Routine hand washing	• Consistent and correct glove use
• Appropriate use of masks, eye protection and face shields, e.g. suctioning	• Appropriate use of gowns to prevent contamination of uniform
• Routine cleaning or disposal of patient-care equipment	• Regular cleaning of environmental surfaces
• Bag linen at point of use	• Strict adherence to occupational safety requirements
• Face mask for lumbar punctures	• Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette
• Safe injection practices	

	DROPLET PRECAUTIONS	CONTACT PRECAUTIONS	AIRBORNE★ PRECAUTIONS	Maximum Precautions
<b>Cart/Storage area</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Private room</b>	Required** unless cohorted †	Required** unless cohorted	Required	Required ** unless cohorted
<b>Door closed</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Mask/Eye Protection</b>	If within 3 feet of patient	No	To enter room ‡	No, unless organism in sputum
<b>Gown</b>	To enter room	To enter room	No	To enter room
<b>Gloves</b>	To enter room	To enter room	No	To enter room
<b>Large reusable items: wash with approved germicide</b>	All	All	All	All
<b>One to One Nursing</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Linen: leak resistant bag at bedside</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Dedicated thermometer</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Dedicated B/P apparatus</b>	Yes or Disposable cuff	Yes or Disposable cuff	No	Yes
<b>Special transport</b>	Patient in face mask and clean linens	Patient in clean linens	Patient in face mask	Patient in clean linens and face mask if organism in sputum. Two or more person transport required
<b>Disposable meal tray</b>	No	No	No	No
<b>Change cubicle curtains at discharge</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Procedures not done in room should be done at end of day</b>	Preferred	Preferred	Preferred	Required

**All equipment should be cleaned between patient use regardless of isolation status.**

★ If a patient is not in an approved Airborne Isolation Room, a HEPA filter (obtained from Central Supply 5-8357) is required in patient's room.

† Required for pertussis, influenza and diphtheria.

‡ Requires PAPR to enter patient's room. This respirator is not to be worn by the patient. See isolation policy for immunity exemption.

¶ May leave room for medically necessary tests only after alerting the procedure area

|| Clean linens are linens that have not been contaminated in the patient's room, obtain these from your clean linen supply cart

\*\* If unable to place in a private room or cohort, contact HEIC