

PRIVATE ROOM WITH NEGATIVE AIR PRESSURE REQUIRED

Specific illnesses requiring **Airborne Precautions** include:

- **TUBERCULOSIS**
- MEASLES
- VARICELLA (Chicken Pox) Use Contact Precautions also

Airborne transmission occurs by dissemination of either airborne droplet nuclei (≤ 5 microns) or dust particles containing the infectious agent. Microorganisms carried in this manner can be widely dispersed by air currents and may become inhaled by or deposited on a susceptible host.

PATIENTS:

- Patient to remain in room except for essential purposes.
- Patients wear blue earloop mask for transport (*never N-95 masks!*)

STAFF:

- Promptly initiate Airborne precautions for patients known or suspected to have infectious tuberculosis (see P&P 9430.017)
- Door of room to be kept closed to maintain negative airflow.
- Negative pressure ventilation (use designated isolation room).
- N-95 respirator masks or PAPR to be worn by all persons entering room.

VISITORS:

- Immediate family/household members may not need to wear respirators as they have been previously exposed.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING:

- Door of room to be kept closed for ONE HOUR after patient discharge. Room is then cleaned using routine discharge cleaning protocol.
- No mask or special PPE required *AFTER* ONE HOUR.

Do not remove isolation sign until room cleaned.

Airborne Isolation

Anyone* entering this room **MUST**:



1. Perform **hand hygiene**
(use soap and water or foam)



2. Put on **N-95 mask** or **PAPR**
before entering room



3. Remove **N-95 mask** or **PAPR**
after leaving room in ante room



4. Perform **hand hygiene**
(use soap and water or foam)



**Door must be kept closed
at all times**

* Patient visitors, see nurse before entering

Questions? Call Infection Control at 796-8413

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