

**STANDARD PRECAUTIONS and TRANSMISSION BASED PRECAUTIONS**

**STANDARD PRECAUTIONS:** Treat all patients and body fluids as potentially infectious.

Standard Precautions include:

- Hand hygiene.
- Use of personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, masks, eyewear).
- Respiratory hygiene / cough etiquette.
- Sharps safety (engineering and work practice controls).
- Safe injection practices (i.e., aseptic technique for parenteral medications).
- Sterile instruments and devices.
- Clean and disinfected environmental surfaces.

If transmission levels in the community are substantial/high, or patient screening reveals the possibility of infection, use **STANDARD PRECAUTIONS PLUS TRANSMISSION PRECAUTIONS.**

<b>TRANSMISSION PRECAUTIONS</b>		
<b>CONTACT</b> Protect yourself and others from contact with pathogens	<b>DROPLET</b> Keep away from droplets generated by patients sneezing/talking/etc. and droplets generated during procedures.	<b>AIRBORNE</b> Keep the air as free of pathogens as possible.
Separate patients. Don't let them sit in the reception area.	Mask on the patient whenever you're not working on him	Masks on patients
Have patients wear masks	Take patients to the individual operatories as soon as possible	Use all PPE, surgical masks or N95s, face shields, eye protection, and cover your hair and body with something
Wear your mask and PPE as necessary	Use all PPE, surgical masks or N95s, face shields, eye protection, and cover your hair and body with something	Keep other people out of the operatories
We've always cleaned the crap out of our rooms, but now clean doorknobs, bathrooms, counters, CC machines, whatever people touch.	Keep other people out of operatories	Keep patients in the operatories
		Leave bathroom fans and HVAC fans on
		Use air purifiers/scrubbers, increase ventilation and filter air as much as possible.
		If active respiratory diseases are suspected, mask the patient and remove them to a facility that has an airborne infection isolation room that offers reverse airflow and filtration and can handle airborne diseases (such as TB or COVID)

