



Infection Control Guidelines

PREVENT: Influenza Transmission

Post

Signage instructing patients and persons who accompany them to inform healthcare personnel if they have symptoms of respiratory infection.

Provide

Tissues, trash cans, alcohol-based hand rubs, handwashing supplies where sinks are located and surgical masks for persons who are coughing

Separate

Coughing persons from non-coughing persons in common areas

Educate

Educate patients and persons to “cover their cough”, dispose of used tissues, wear a mask while in healthcare facility if coughing, and decontaminate hands after coughing or using tissues

Wear

Gloves when touching respiratory secretions and surgical masks when within 3 feet of a coughing person

Decontaminate Hands

Use soap and water if visibly contaminated. Use alcohol-based hand gel if no visible contamination is present.

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Decontaminate environment

Wipe down frequently touched areas with routine environmental cleaner more often when coughing persons have been in the area.

Exclude

Healthcare personnel with symptoms of respiratory infection from work for the duration of illness.

Remember: protect yourself. Protect your patients. Protect your co-workers.

*For further information, contact the
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