



COVID-19 in procedural areas

COVID-19 requires Airborne isolation and a negative pressure room.

- Procedure rooms (**OR & IR**) are **positive pressure** and **GI rooms are neutral**.

Notify Infection Control (ICE) 402.888.4646 of all procedures for known or suspected COVID-19 cases

- Elective surgery for patient with *confirmed* COVID-19 should be rescheduled. Contact ICE to discuss when it is safe to schedule surgery for patient with a recent COVID-19.
- Surgery for patient with *possible* COVID-19 should be postponed until COVID-19 can be excluded.
- For urgent or emergent surgery in patient with possible/confirmed COVID-19 follow instructions below.

Intubation & extubation should occur in a negative pressure room (PACU has one), use a filter on the Vent circuit

If possible the procedure should be done in the patients inpatient negative pressure room (GI).

Procedure room

- No anteroom needs to be built outside of the procedure rooms
- Procedure should be scheduled last case of the day
- All staff should wear N-95 respirator, isolation gown/surgical gown, gloves and face shield/eye protection while in the room
- If patient is not intubated (patient should be masked), wait a minimum 20 minutes for air exchanges before opening the door

Transport

- General information: Allowances for staff to wear a clean procedure mask or extended use of an existing respirator/eye protection has been made for transporting patients as the COVID-19 virus is an emerging, novel pathogen.

The transportation process for a patient with or under investigation for COVID-19 should be as follows:

- Notify receiving department:
 - Receiving department prepares room
 - Don PPE while awaiting patient's arrival

- Inside procedural room:
 - Have patient perform hand hygiene if able
 - Place a clean procedure mask on the patient
 - Place a new, clean sheet over patient (clean on the outside, “dirty” on the inside)
 - Clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces of the occupied bed, gurney or wheelchair, such as hand rails, side rails, head board, foot board, and steering mechanism
 - Doff gown and gloves, perform hand hygiene

- Open door/outside patient room:
 - Perform Hand hygiene
 - Employee may wear a procedure mask or continue wearing N-95 and eye protection for PPE conservation (don’t touch outside of mask/goggles as they are “dirty”)
 - Notify receiving department/Transport patient
 - Receiving department in PPE ready to receive patient

If you are returning the transport vehicle without the patient back to the department:

- Perform low level disinfection of all transport vehicle surfaces prior to returning to department

Cleaning

- No special cleaning, but all horizontal and high touch surfaces should be thoroughly and terminally cleaned overnight per routine.
- Linen to be completely removed from the room after each patient according to routine procedures
- Medical waste to be completely removed from the room and handled according to routine procedures