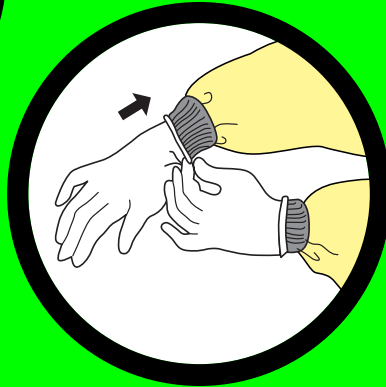


# STOP

## Droplet/Contact Precautions



**Use With Routine Practices**

**Dedicate or Clean & Disinfect Shared Equipment**

# DROPLET/CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(Other PPE as per Routine Practices Risk Assessment)

## Use Droplet/Contact Precautions for:

- Patients presenting with new/worse cough or new/worse shortness of breath that is abnormal for this patient AND FEVER 38° C or greater (Elderly and immunocompromised may not have a fever)
- Influenza (seasonal)
- Any Acute Viral Respiratory Illness
- Norovirus—if vomiting
- Invasive Group A Streptococcus— **if draining wound — until 24 hrs of appropriate antibiotic therapy**

**NOTE:** not all illnesses or conditions have been listed which require Droplet/Contact Precautions

## TO DO

### Acute Care

- Wear gloves on room entry
- Wear gown for direct care or when in contact with items in a patient's environment
- Wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection within 2 metres of patient

### Non-Acute Care

- Wear gown and gloves when providing direct care or when in contact with items in client/resident environment
- Wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection within 2 metres of client/resident

- Clean your hands before and after care, treatment and/or contact with environment
- Maintain at least a 2 metre separation between patients and draw a privacy curtain
- Patient should wear a procedure/surgical mask when outside of isolation room
- Dedicate or clean and disinfect shared equipment after each use

## Notify Infection Prevention & Control