



Transport for COVID-19 Patients Under Investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 Positive Patients



The following PPE is recommended

- The patient and parent/guardian should wear a standard facemask to cover mouth and nose.
- If patient cannot be masked, cover head and face with a light blanket.
- The transporter should wear a standard facemask and eye protection
 - If contact with body fluids is anticipated, add gown and gloves.
 - **If a high-risk aerosol generating procedure (AGP) is anticipated or in use, wear an N95 mask with a standard facemask over N95 and face shield or goggles (face shield preferred).**

*** Refer to entire document for transport examples of high risk AGP**

Before leaving the room

- Patient dons clean mask over airway if tolerated or covers head/face with light blanket.
- Encourage patient to perform hand hygiene and to change into a clean patient gown.
- Wipe any disposable or reusable equipment accompanying the patient (ex. IV pole/pump, transport vehicle such as wheelchair, patient bed, stroller, etc.) with an approved disinfectant following wet times.
- Transporter should doff gown and gloves and perform hand hygiene after assisting patient to transport vehicle. Transporter to don new/clean gown and gloves prior to transport (if gown/gloves indicated)

During Transport

- Only touch areas of the transport vehicle that were previously disinfected to avoid contaminating common areas of the hospital during transport
- Transporter may carry an extra pair of clean gloves during transport and don clean gloves to re-assist the patient from the transport vehicle as needed
- Per Isolation: Transmission Based Precautions Policy
<http://portal2/sites/lcpp/Infection%20Prevention%20%20Control/Isolation-Transmission%20Based%20Precautions.pdf>: Staff who need to or may need to provide direct care (such as coming into contact with the patient's linens or patient) to the patient during transport, may wear PPE during transport as long as the staff members in PPE do not interact



with the environment during transport (i.e., staff member in PPE should designate other escort to open doors, push elevator buttons, etc.).

Transport Arrival/Transport Completion

- All staff should don appropriate PPE upon arrival of patient
- Clean the transport equipment with an approved disinfectant prior to use of the equipment by another patient

Room Air/Oxygen Delivery Devices

Room Air



Nasal Cannula



Venturi Mask



Non-Rebreather



***High Risk Aerosolizing Generating Procedures (AGP)**

***Opti Flow/High Flow Nasal Cannula/Continuous Nebulization**

- If patient will tolerate being off continuous neb, temporarily stop neb for transport
- If patient does not tolerate coming off continuous neb, give unit dose albuterol neb while in route with surgical mask covering the nebulizer mask (pictured below)

Opti flow



Nebulizer





***BIPAP/CPAP**

- Exhalation ports on our masks vary. Consult Respiratory Therapy (RT) for best practice
- RT will confirm if just filter is required or if filter and sheet are required
- Ensure good seal on mask prior to transport
- Ensure RT present for transport



***ETT/Trach patients**

- Trach patients on room air or Trach Collar (TC) on 21% should be placed on HME (see first picture below)
- Patients on TC who require oxygen will need to be a discussion with RT
- Intubated patients or trach/vent patients should remain attached to ventilator with a filter in line. In line suction is preferred if available

Trach/HME



Trach/Vent



ETT/Vent

