Transmission Precaution Guidance for COVID19 and Rule-Out COVID19

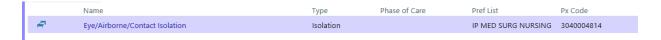
Due to the ever changing information and in an effort to conserve and use our PPE and negative air pressure rooms in a judicious way the following isolation changes are being instituted:

Situation	Recommended Precautions
Inpatients with confirmed COVID-19 OR	Eye/Airborne/Contact* -
HIGH Risk factors for COVID-19 with a	Place patient in a negative air room and staff should
test result pending	wear an N95 mask, goggles or eye protection, gown
	and gloves
Inpatients with a LOW risk for COVID-	Droplet/Contact –
19 with a result pending	Place patient in a regular air pressure room and
	staff should wear a droplet mask, gown and gloves

High Risk is defined as:	 Any of the following situations: Pt has symptoms + travel outside the US Pt has symptoms + contact with known COVID-19 patient, Pt has symptoms + contact with someone that is ill that had contact with a known COVID-19 Pt is ventilated for respiratory failure related to respiratory illness of unknown cause (i.e. ARDS)
Low Risk is defined as:	Pt has symptoms + negative flu and strep but has no travel or exposure to known COVID-19

<u>Important</u>: Emergency Room Procedures should remain the same with Eye/Airborne/Contact Isolation instituted during the screening process and maintained until the patient has been determined to be Low Risk by history and testing (flu and strep).

*For the HIGH RISK patients, EPIC now has an Eye/Airborne/Contact precaution order



As always, contact Infection Prevention On Call at 202-2000 for guidance