Airborne or Droplet Precautions

Airborne or droplet precautions are a way to protect visitors, patients and hospital workers from germs/viruses. Patients on airborne precautions will be in a special room and all people who come into the room must wear a mask.

RULES FOR PATIENTS ON AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS

- The door to your room must stay closed.
- You must check with your nurse before leaving your room.
- You will need to wear a mask if you go to another clinic or hospital area.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough.
- Wash your hands after touching your spit (*phlegm*).

RULES FOR VISITORS

If there is an **AIRBORNE OR DROPLET PRECAUTIONS** sign on the door, you must follow these rules:
- Check with the nurse before going into the room.
- Check with the nurse about having children visit.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth. Fit it tightly.

While you are in the patient's room:
- Do not take off your mask.
- Do not use the patient's personal belongings or tissues.
- Do not eat or drink while you are in the room.
- After you leave the room, take off your mask, throw it in the trash, then wash your hands with soap and water.

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