**COVID PRECAUTION BASICS**

IT IS YOUR JOB TO pROTECT EVERYONE

HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES

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DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

Rapid identification of suspect cases.

Immediate isolation and referral for testing.

Group patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 separately.

Test all suspected patients for COVID-19.

Immediate identification of inpatients and healthcare workers with suspected COVID-19.

Appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as soon as risk is made aware.

Place isolation equipment outside of barrier walls or patient rooms. Place equipment for biohazard bags for trash and melt away bags for laundry. (DO NOT THROW ISOLATION EQUIPMENT IN THE FLOOR IN THE ROOM OR THE HALLWAY IF THERE IS NOT BIOHAZARD BAG IN THE PROPER PLACE.) Press call light to have required equipment brought to room.

Disposable or dedicated patient care equipment, such as stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, should be used. If equipment needs to be shared among patients, it should be cleaned and disinfected between use for each patient using products containing ethyl alcohol of at least 70%.

Healthcare facilities can also consider designating healthcare workers to care for patients with COVID-19 and restricting the number of visitors allowed in the facility. Educating visitors on the risks will need to be done if visitation cannot be restricted. (CDC, 2021)