

BILH PPE for Hospitalized Patients with Respiratory Symptoms and/or Viral Infection including Influenza, RSV and COVID-19

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is to be worn as indicated by Transmission-based and Standard precautions. In an effort not to use up private rooms unnecessarily, guidance for isolation of patients with respiratory symptoms and/or viral infection is provided below.

	Virus/Symptoms ¹	Personal Protective Equipment and Cohorting	
		Immunocompetent Adult	Any Pediatric Patient or an Immunocompromised ^{2,3} Adult
No Diagnosis	Symptoms ¹ consistent with influenza-like illness, including COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 respirator • Eye Protection • Contact Precautions (gown, gloves) • Private room 	
Confirmed Diagnosis	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 respirator • Eye Protection • Contact Precautions (gown, gloves) • Private room or cohort with another patient with COVID-19, if needed 	
	Influenza A/B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droplet precautions (surgical mask) • Eye Protection • Private room or cohort with another patient with the same influenza type (A or B) 	
	RSV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No isolation precautions needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Droplet precautions (surgical mask) • Contact precautions (gown, gloves) • Private room or cohort with another patient with RSV, if needed

Abbreviations: COVID-19=Coronavirus-2019, RSV=Respiratory Syncytial Virus

¹Symptoms include at least one of: Fever (>100.4 deg F) or feeling feverish, chills, body or muscle aches, headache, sore throat, cough (new or worsening), loss of smell or taste, nasal congestion/runny nose, shortness of breath (new or worsening), diarrhea (new or worsening), nausea and vomiting.

²Immunocompromised generally refers to hospitalized patients with oncologic conditions or those who are post-bone marrow or solid organ transplantation. Please see local institutional guidance for included inpatient units.