

Management of
Novel Respiratory Infections
COVID-19 Highlights

For patients with
suspect or confirmed
COVID-19:

**Droplet/Contact
Precautions**

(Surgical/procedure mask,
isolation gown, gloves, eye
protection i.e. goggles or
faceshield)

EXCEPTION - ICU/IMCU

**Droplet/Contact +
Airborne Precautions**

(Fitted and seal tested N95 mask,
face shield, isolation gown, gloves)

Updates

The Chief Medical Officer of Health and
Ministry of Health provide direction on
the management of novel respiratory
infections and COVID-19.

Procedures may change as new
information becomes available.
Information will be updated and shared
as soon as possible.

What do you do?

You are caring for a patient who is being investigated for COVID-19 on your unit. They are in a private room and require a nasopharyngeal swab.

Action: Prior to providing this care, don the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Droplet/Contact precautions and proceed with the swab.

What do you do?

You are caring for a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19 on your unit. The physician has ordered airway suction (aerosol-generating medical procedure or AGMP) for this patient.

Action: Don the required PPE for Airborne and Droplet/Contact precautions. Ensure procedure is performed in a negative pressure room, if possible.

What do you do?

You have had exposure to a patient with suspect or confirmed COVID-19 without the use of adequate precautions.

Action: Your care will be managed in collaboration with Occupational Health and Safety and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit.

Resource (video)

Proper PPE and Precautions
for Novel Respiratory Infections

(click link below)

<https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What precautions do I use when performing a known or potential AGMP in a negative pressure room?**
 - Use the **Droplet/Contact** and **Airborne** precautions.
- 2. What happens if there are insufficient beds to care for patients?**
 - Call IPAC to assist in identifying patients who can be cohorted.

Your protection is priority!

All staff should continue to **self-screen** prior to coming to work.

If you have symptoms of an acute respiratory infection (ARI), please do not come to work.

Report your symptoms to
OH&S.

For more information, contact
Infection Prevention and Control
Ext. 6397

Further details:

TBRHSC Policy IPC-2-16
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