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|  Droplet Precautions | NO.  |
| Purpose: To provide guidelines for staff on Droplet precautions when providing resident care.Statement: This facility will adhere to the Center for Disease Control infection guideline. Droplet Precautions are designed to reduce the risk of droplet transmission of infectious agents.Procedure: 1. Droplets are generated primarily during:
2. Sneezing
3. Coughing
4. Talking
5. During the performance of certain procedures such as suctioning and bronchoscopy.
6. Transmission via large particle droplets requires close contact between source and recipient persons. Droplets do not remain suspended in the air, and generally travel only short distances, usually 3 ft. or less, through the air.
7. Because droplets do not remain suspended in the air, special air handling and ventilation are not required to prevent droplet transmission.
8. Droplet Precautions apply to any resident known or suspected to be infected with pathogens that can be transmitted by infectious droplets.
9. Use Droplet Precautions in addition to Standard Precautions:
10. Examples of such illnesses that require Droplet Precautions include:
11. Invasive Haemophilus influenzae type B disease, including meningitis, pneumonia, epiglottitis, and sepsis.
12. Invasive Neisseria meningitidis disease, including meningitis, pneumonia, and sepsis.
13. Other serious bacterial respiratory infections spread by droplet transmission, including:
14. Diphtheria (pharyngeal)
15. Mycoplasma pneumonia
16. Pertussis
17. Pneumonic plague
18. Streptococcal (group A) pharyngitis, pneumonia, or pediatric scarlet fever
19. Serious viral infections spread by droplet transmission, including:
20. Adenovirus
21. Influenza
22. Mumps
23. Parvovirus B19
24. Rubella
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| 1. Room
2. Place the resident in a private room.
3. When a private room is not available, place the resident in a room with a resident who has active infection with the same microorganism but who has no other infection.
4. If neither of the above is achievable, maintain spatial separation of at least 3 ft between infected resident and other residents and visitors.
5. Special air handling and ventilation are not necessary, and the door may remain open.
6. Mask

In addition to wearing a mask as outlined under Standard Precautions, wear a mask when workingwithin 3 ft of the resident.1. Transport
2. Limit the movement and transport of the resident from the room to essential purposes only.
3. If transport or movement is necessary, minimize resident dispersal of droplets by masking the resident, if possible.

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