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|  Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette | NO.  |
| Purpose: To provide staff with the current respiratory/cough etiquette.Statement: This facility will enforce the new CDC guidelines to stop the spread of infection by adding this area to Standard Precautions.Procedure: The strategy is targeted at residents, family members, and friends with undiagnosed transmissible respiratory infections.1. The policy applies to any person showing signs of illness:
2. Cough
3. Congestion
4. Rhinorrhea
5. Increased production of respiratory secretions
6. The elements of respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette include:
7. Education of health care staff, residents and visitors.
8. Posted signs in languages that are appropriate to the population being served with instructions to patients, accompanying family members, or friends.
9. Source control measures:
10. Covering the mouth/nose with tissue when coughing
11. Prompt disposal of used tissue
12. Using surgical masks on the coughing person when appropriate.
13. Hand hygiene after contact with respiratory secretions.
14. Spatial Separation, ideally 3 feet of peers with respiratory infections, in common waiting area when possible.

These measures should be effective in decreasing the risk of transmission of pathogens contained in large respiratory droplets.  |
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