

# Transporting Rule Out/COVID+ Patients

- Limit transportation of patients outside the room to medically necessary purposes
- Perform procedures/treatments in the room whenever possible
- If a procedure/treatment must be performed outside the room, schedule it for the last treatment of the day whenever possible

- Clean bed/gurney/wheelchair with hospital-approved disinfectant
- Transporting from room (staff)
  - Keep mask and eye protection on
  - Remove and dispose of the gown and gloves in patient room or doffing area
  - Perform hand hygiene
  - If transporting an unstable patient, wear clean gown and gloves for transport.
  - In order to promote PPE stewardship while minimizing exposures, full PPE should be for minimum number of people possible.
- At receiving room (staff)
  - Don clean gown and gloves after hand hygiene (if not already wearing or risk of contamination during transport) to handle the patient at receiving location.

## Patient

1

Clean hospital gown **and** mask (community-sewn mask or procedural mask) **and** hand hygiene on way out of room

2

No O2 therapy or nasal cannula

Mask over nose and mouth

Patient on BiPAP/CPAP

Disposable face shield with drape or hood (to contain secretions or exhaled air)

Patient on non-breather mask that cannot be covered with a mask

Hood (to contain secretions or exhaled air)

Intubated

### Secretions contained:

- No mask needed
- HEPA filter in place

### Secretions NOT contained:

Face shield with drape or hood

**NOTE:** Unless you have an unforeseen blood or body fluid spill during transportation--the hallways, doorknobs, elevators, elevator buttons do NOT need additional disinfection during transportation since YOU, the transporter, have clean hands. **Blocking off the hallways by security personnel (if indicated on a case by case basis) is for the privacy of the patient and to limit the number of people involved in the transport.**