



All Inpatient Units

Isolation Precaution Rooms: Delivery and Pick-up of Meals

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What's New?	Procedures for delivery and pick up of meals from ISOLATION PRECAUTION ROOMS have been modified to distinguish between airborne isolation precautions and non-airborne isolation precautions (droplet, contact, contact plus, droplet and contact).
Why?	Handing of the tray to a person in the room with a PUI could be a transmission risk if PPE is <u>not</u> worn by person in room (i.e. parent or caregiver). Uncertain that a parent/care giver will consistently be wearing PPE. Food service workers will not don PPE and enter airborne isolation rooms.
How does this affect my practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service workers – will only hand meals to a nurse wearing PPE in a patient room; if no nurse is available the Food Service worker will bring the meal to the team care station and alert the unit clerk who can contact the appropriate nurse. Food service workers will not enter isolation precaution rooms to pick up trays. Pick-up is from the pass-through or from the soiled utility room (for airborne isolation precautions) or other designated pickup location. • Nurses in Isolation Precaution rooms – will accept meals from Food Service workers and place tray in the pass-through (for non-airborne precautions) or in the soiled utility room (for airborne isolation precautions). Note: pass-throughs are locked for airborne isolation precautions. • Unit clerks will be alerted by a Food Service workers when no nurse is present inside an isolation precaution room to accept a meal; the unit clerk will alert the nurse of a meal for delivery
How do I find out more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the full (interim) procedure on ePOPS: <u>ISOLATION PRECAUTION ROOMS: DELIVERY AND PICK UP OF MEALS</u>
Who do I contact for further information?	Contact your unit educator