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# ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS ADULTS

## WHAT ARE ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS?

Some germs are easily spread to other patients by direct or indirect touch. Enteric precautions prevent this spread.

**Direct contact** means physical contact between people, often the hands.

**Indirect contact** means contact with contaminated objects such as shared toys, clothing, or dirty surfaces.

## WHY AM I ON ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS?

You are on enteric precautions because of the type of illness you have or may have. The precautions are to decrease the chance others will get the germs.

## WHAT WILL BE DONE TO PREVENT YOU FROM SPREADING GERMS?

You **must stay** in the room. If certain tests are needed, you will be able to come out, with special precautions in place.

A **pale yellow sign** will be placed on the door to your room to remind staff and visitors of precautions to take.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

1. Wash your hands before entering and before leaving your room. Make sure you wash your hands with soap and water. Be sure all visitors do this too.
2. The number of visitors to your room will be limited to only immediate family members because of the high risk of germ spread. They should wash their hands with soap and water before entering and leaving the room.
3. Other family members and friends will be allowed to see the patient through a glass window where applicable.
4. If you need linens or other materials stored outside your room, please ask a staff member to help. Do not go into unit storage areas.
5. You and your visitors should not go into other patients' rooms.

**If you have questions about the isolation, please ask your nurse or doctor.**



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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

To adhere to these precautions to protect yourself and others from infection risk.

## THE HOSPITAL'S RESPONSIBILITY

To protect you and others from infection risk.

## QUESTIONS?

This sheet is not specific to you but provides general information. If you have any questions, please ask your nurse or doctor.

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# SOAP AND WATER ONLY

*STANDARD PRECAUTIONS  
ALSO IN EFFECT*

**STOP**

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**VISITORS MUST SEE A NURSE  
BEFORE ENTERING THE ROOM**



**Hand Hygiene  
soap & water only**



**Gloves Required**



**Gown Required**

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