During high-risk viral disease outbreaks, like COVID-19, the illness can spread quickly. Proper care and cleaning can protect caregivers and patients and reduce the risks of a viral outbreak. (See the latest Coronavirus updates and Fact Sheet on the Coronavirus website on Intermountain.net.)

1 Patient Screening
   • Screen all patients for signs and symptoms related to COVID 19
   • Screen all patients and document for travel to areas of concern or exposure to others that are known or suspected of having the illness. Refer to COVID-19 Guidance for current areas of concern.

2 General Care Tips for ALL Patients with a Cough and Fever
   • A procedural mask worn by all patients with a cough and fever prior to room placement. Clothe face coverings are suitable for patients without respiratory symptoms.
   • Vigilant hand hygiene before and after all patient contact, after contact with potentially infectious material, and applying or removing Personal Protective Equipment, including gloves.

3 Care for Patients with Suspected COVID-19
   • Droplet-Contact with eye protection and Private Room with door closed:
     • Initial evaluation
     • persons under investigation (not critically ill), or COVID infected patients that is clinically stable
   • Airborne-Contact (N95 or PAPR) in Negative Pressure room
     • COVID-19 infected patient that is critically ill or needing ICU level care
     • Any suspected COVID-19 patient needing aerosolizing procedure Expanded Aerosol Guidelines
   • Airborne-Contact (N95 or PAPR) in Private Room
     • Obtaining test swab for COVID-19- (nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal) collection
     • Transport: Patients should stay masked. Avoid transportation. Guidance for Transporting Patients
     • Mask those with the patient. Urge them to NOT stay with the patient.
     • Maintain a written log of all those who enter patient’s room or come in contact with the patient.
     • Provider completes a history and exam of the patient.

4 Treatment Plan
   • ALL patients should get appropriate workup depending on presentation. Refer to COVID-19 Clinical Guidance.
   • Care will be guided by the Infectious Disease Doctor on call and the Health Department, including any need for further testing, care, or transfers.
5 Cleaning - post discharge or transfer for suspected/confirmed cases

- Refer to cleaning guidance on the Coronavirus Webpage Guidance for Room Cleaning - ER