

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the transport of patients.

1. In general, limit transport and movement outside of isolation room to medically necessary procedures.
2. Notify receiving area the status of the patient
3. Preparing the patient for transport:
 - a. Staff should wear all recommended PPE in the patient room. This includes gown, gloves, mask, and eye protection. Staff should follow donning protocols.
 - b. Place a procedure mask on the patient. Patient's on ventilators do not require masking.
 - c. If possible, transfer patient to a newly disinfected gurney or wheelchair for transport.
 - d. When the patient is transported in their hospital bed, staff should use additional PPE during transport and use appropriate barriers over the patient's bed.
 - e. Remove PPE and perform hand hygiene upon leaving patient room and transporting patient. Staff should follow doffing protocols. Have the patient perform hand hygiene if able.
4. Transporting patient:
 - a. Staff should assess need for wearing PPE to transport. For patients who are unable or unwilling to wear a mask the staff should wear a mask when transporting the patient. If the patient is on a ventilator you do not need to mask.
 - b. Gloves may be worn if contact with the patient is anticipated.
 - c. If the caregiver is wearing a face mask, the caregiver transporting does not need PPE.
 - d. Cover patient with a clean sheet.
5. Arrival to destination:
 - a. If PPE is used for transport, the caregiver should remove and dispose of PPE using doffing protocols and perform hand hygiene.
 - b. Caregiver should Don clean PPE, gown, gloves, procedure mask, and eye protection at the transport destination
6. Patients should not go to or be held in waiting areas.
7. Patients should not ambulate or participate in therapies outside of their room.