

DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

**VISITORS: SPEAK TO A NURSE
BEFORE ENTERING**



DO NOT TAKE PATIENT NOTES INTO ROOM

KEEP EQUIPMENT TO A MINIMUM

**USE DEDICATED EQUIPMENT WHERE
POSSIBLE**

BEFORE ENTERING



HANDS

Hand gel or soap and water

If patient has vomiting or diarrhoeal illness, **ONLY** use soap and water (hand gel is not effective)



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Apron (gown if required)
- Fluid resistant Type IIR surgical face mask or for Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) wear fitted FFP3 mask
- Eye protection
- Gloves if:
 - Contact with blood/body fluids anticipated
 - Patient has a diarrhoeal illness and no clinical hand wash sink available in room



DOOR TO REMAIN CLOSED

When door cannot be closed, rationale must be documented in patient notes



BEFORE LEAVING

- Decontaminate equipment prior to removal from room
- Discard apron / gown & gloves in clinical waste bin
- Wash & dry hands or use hand gel

AFTER LEAVING

- Wash & dry hands or use hand gel
- Discard eye protection & mask in clinical waste bin outside room
- Wash & dry hands or use hand gel