

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Department of Ambulatory Care Services PRIMARY CARE CLINICS

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SECTION:	ENVIRONMENT OF CARE SUBSECTION: GENERAL POLICIES
SUBJECT:	NEGATIVE PRESSURE PATIENT CARE ROOMS
APPROVED BY:	Associate Hospital Administrator, Ambulatory Services

POLICY

Specific rooms in patient care areas have been designated as negative pressure ventilation rooms. These rooms are used when a patient's condition(s) requires a room with negative air pressure to minimize the risk of exposure to Airborne infectious disease(s) to those entering the room. Signs to identify the type of air pressure in the room are posted on the outside.

PROCEDURE

- I. Patients are highly suggested to wear a plain surgical mask while outside the negative pressure room.
- II. The patient should be placed in a negative pressure exam room. The door should be kept closed.
- III. Staff should place the Airborne Precautions signage outside of the door of the negative pressure room pursuant to the Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 800, Aerosol Transmissible Disease Exposure Control Plan.
- IV. Prior to entering room, staff must obtain and don a respirator (N95 or PAPR).
- V. Staff and visitors (as applicable) should don other personal protective equipment ("PPE"), as indicated, either inside or outside of the negative pressure room. For instructions on donning PPE, staff should refer to the Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 402, Standard and Isolation Precautions.
- VI. Staff and visitors (as applicable) should remove and dispose of PPE upon exiting the room. Staff should remove and dispose of the respirator after exiting room and closing the door. For instructions on doffing PPE, staff should refer to the Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 402, Standard and Isolation Precautions.

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REFERENCES: Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 800, Aerosol Transmissible Disease

Exposure Control Plan

Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 402, Standard and Isolation Precautions.

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Infection Control (IC) Policy No. 700, Tuberculosis Exposure Control Plan

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Joint Commission Standards

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Guideline for Isolation

Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare

Settings, May 2022

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Safety and Health

Standard 29CFR.1910.100

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6/24/2022 Medical Executive Committee

Applicable Administrator, Hospital or Medical Committee

Board of Supervisors

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