Specific illnesses requiring **Droplet Precautions** include the following:

- Haemophilus influenzae type b (meningitis, pneumonia, epiglottis, and sepsis)
- Neisseria meningitidis
- Mycoplasma pneumonia
- Diphtheria (pharyngeal)
- Pertussis
- Pneumonic plague

- Streptococcal pharyngitis, pneumonia, or scarlet fever
- Adenovirus (**Contact Precautions also**)
- Influenza
- Mumps
- RSV (**Contact Precautions also**)
- Rubella
- Parvovirus B 19

General Indications for Droplet Isolation:

- ***Symptoms consistent with upper respiratory tract infection***
- ***Bacterial meningitis***
- ***Respiratory virus (pertussis, influenza***

PATIENTS:
- *Wear an earloop barrier mask when outside the room or in a waiting area*

STAFF:
- *Wear a barrier mask to enter room*
- *Encourage patients to remain in room except for essential purposes*
- *Instruct visitors to clean hands when entering and exiting room*

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES:
- *Frequent cleaning and disinfection of the bedside area is essential.*
- *After discharge, the room is cleaned per routine discharge cleaning.*
- *Check privacy curtains and drapes for soiling and use hospital disinfectant spray on these areas or launder and replace curtains.*
- *Clean any visible soiling noted on walls or ceiling.*

HIGH-HAZARD PROCEDURES (AEROSOL-GENERATING PROCEDURES):

Fit tested N-95 masks or PAPR's must be worn during these aerosol-generating procedures of patients on Droplet Precautions:
- *Sputum induction*
- *Planned intubation/extubation*
- *Bronchoscopy and pulmonary function testing*
- *Open suctioning of ETT or tracheostomy*
- *CPR*
- *Aerosolized administration of medications*

Droplet Isolation

Anyone*entering this room MUST:
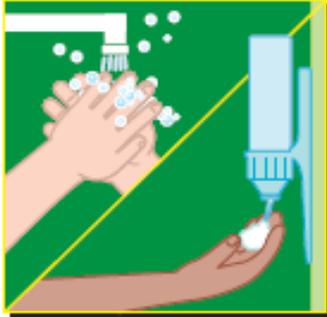
1. Perform **hand hygiene**
   (use soap and water or foam)

2. Put on **mask**
   before entering room

3. Remove and discard **mask** before leaving room

4. Perform **hand hygiene**
   (use soap and water or foam)

* Patient visitors do not need to wear a mask but must clean hands upon entering and leaving room.

Questions? Call Infection Control at 796-8413

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