

# Paediatric Isolation

Your child is not feeling well and has been admitted to our Paediatric unit. Upon admission if your child presents with a cough, fever, or any sign of a contagious illness they will need to be isolated (contained). Additional precautions help to protect all patients and staff as well as prevent the spread of illness.

You will notice that all healthcare staff directly involved in the care of your child will be wearing protective clothing. This clothing may consist of gowns, gloves and face masks depending on what symptoms are present. Parents and anyone living in the same home as the child will not need to wear protective clothing while caring for or visiting the child. Visitors (anyone who does not live with the child) will be required to wear protective clothing. The sign posted on the door of your child's room will indicate what protective clothing will need to be worn.

As always your nurse will be happy to assist visitors. Good hand cleaning will be instrumental in the prevention of spreading illness. There will be sanitizing hand rub stations outside every door. Hand cleaning will need to be done **every** time you enter or exit your child's room. Your nurse will inform you if/when additional precautions are no longer required but until such time we ask that you **not** visit common areas such as the lounge, pantry or other patients in the hospital.

If you require food or drinks from the pantry for your child, your nurse will assist you. Your child will not be allowed outside of their room unless it is for testing in another area of the hospital, as which time your nurse will assist in preparing your child with the proper protection.

Feel free to ask your healthcare providers if you have any questions or concerns.

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