



Welcome to Special Care Nursery

Here is some information for you to take home

Upon arrival to our Special Care Nursery all infants that have been transferred from other health care facilities must be placed on additional precautions. These precautions will be in place for at least 48 hours, or longer depending on the results of skin swabs that were done on admission. Once the swabs are reported as negative, additional precautions will be removed.

Providing care to your infant/s during this period of time will require all health care staff to wear a gown, gloves and perform good hand cleaning. Hand cleaning or washing can be by hand rub and/or hand washing using soap and warm water. We ask that during this time you as parents/primary care providers also take some extra precautions. These precautions will ensure the health and safety of all patients and staff. The easiest way to do this is by viewing the space where your infant/s has been placed as a 'room', by doing this it will help you to remember when hand cleaning is required. EVERY time you enter or leave your infants space (room) you must clean your hands with the hand rub provided. If your hands are visibly dirty and require washing you must first use the hand rub, and then you may go to our sinks to wash your hands. All supplies in your infant's space are clean only for your infant/s. If supplies must come out of that space, they need to be properly disinfected. Your nurse will be happy to assist with proper cleaning of supplies.

As a parent you are NOT considered a visitor. A visitor is anyone that will not live with the infant/s upon discharge home. Visitors need to perform good hand cleaning and MUST wear proper protective gear which includes a gown and gloves. Nursing staff will be happy to assist visitors with these items. During this isolation period we ask that parents NOT visit any of the common areas, such as the lounge, pantry or with any other patients in the hospital. Your nurse will inform you when additional precautions have been removed. Good hand cleaning practices will need to continue for the remainder of your infants stay in the Special Care Nursery.

Feel free to ask should you have any questions regarding additional precautions.

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