Putting On Airborne & Contact Personal Protective Equipment

Instructions for staff going into an airborne and contact precautions room wearing a PAPR and shroud.

Before entering the room:

1. Check PAPR battery and ensure 2-3 green lights.
2. Apply comfort strips or alternative from Employee Health and put on bouffant cap.
3. Remove shroud from packaging. The shroud is already turned inside-out, ready to attach to the helmet.
4. Attach face shield to front of the PAPR helmet by aligning the holes on the shield to the white helmet tabs.
5. Hold the black pull tab and pull shroud up and over helmet. Use pull tab (snap button) to secure shroud to back of helmet and then secure the other two snaps.
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6. Untuck the side wings/tabs of the lens cuff.

7. Set helmet and attached shroud on a clean surface.
8. Put on PAPR belt and battery pack. Tuck the excess belt strap. Attach PAPR cord to battery to begin airflow.

10. Put on gown over the shroud.
11. Foam hands and put on gloves when entering the room.
Part 1: Instructions for staff before leaving a patient room.

Prior to exiting:

1. Remove gown and gloves used for patient care.
2. If wearing a PAPR helmet and shroud: foam hands and put on new gloves. Use disinfectant wipes to clean PAPR helmet, face shield and shroud. This step will be repeated outside the patient room. Remove and discard gloves.
3. Foam hands and leave patient room.

Doffing supply list:

- Identify location for doffing PAPR and disinfection
- Table for supplies
- Designated surface for PAPR cleaning
- Designated clean surface for clean PPE
- Trash bin
- Oxivir wipes or other approved disinfectant wipe
- Hand sanitizer
- Gloves

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Part 2: Instructions for staff when outside the patient room.

After exiting the room: Foam hands and put on gloves.

If wearing any type of mask and eye protection:
• Take hold of the elastics or ties to remove.
• Place mask in designated bin for reprocessing. This includes masks with face shields – disinfect shield first. **Discard masks that are soiled or contaminated.
• If wearing goggles, disinfect for re-use.

If wearing a PAPR helmet with shroud or face shield:
• Using the adjustment dial on the back of the helmet, loosen PAPR helmet outside of the shroud and remove.
• Unplug the power cord. Set PAPR on a surface that is designated for cleaning, with the outside of the shroud on the table to keep the inside clean.
• Remove and discard bouffant cap.
• Remove battery pack and belt and clean with a disinfectant wipe as needed. Set on a designated clean surface.
• Disinfect the PAPR helmet and shroud or face shield, then place on clean surface. Allow for dry time before storage and reuse by the same staff person for the length of the shift.
• At the end of the shift: disinfect again and allow to dry. Return the shroud to the patient belongings bag for reprocessing. Central Sterile will collect used shrouds, and the unit can call MSO for backup shroud kits. **Face shields may be re-used for up to 3 shifts.

Remove gloves and clean hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

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