

Infection Control Information

The Infection Control policies at Queen of Peace Hospital meet the Standards of the Joint Commission and the Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) including Minnesota Employee Right to Know Act and the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.

I. Resources for Infection Control at Queen of Peace Hospital

Infection Control/Employee Health Dept-

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| 1. Infection Control/Employee Health
Infection Control Practitioner
Contact through 952-758-5102 | 2. Consulting Epidemiologist
Dr. Christian Schrock
763-520-4320 |
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II. Standard Precautions

All patients are cared for with standard precautions. The principle behind standard precautions is to treat all blood and body fluid from all patients as potentially infectious.

Hand Hygiene

Hand washing is the single most effective deterrent to the spread of infection and is absolutely essential for the prevention and control of hospital related infection. All healthcare workers/Auxiliaries/Visitors will utilize the hand washing techniques and indications outlined in the Hand Hygiene policy.

Gloves

Wear gloves for contact with blood/body fluids. Anything wet that came from someone else's body - don't touch.

Gown

Wear a gown if clothing may be soiled.

Mask & Eye Protection

Wear a mask and eye protection for splashing of body fluids in the face or for coughing.

Sharps

Dispose of sharps and uncapped needles in sharps containers.

III. Isolation Categories

Airborne Isolation	If you see these signs posted on a patient's door, do not enter until you have spoken with the patient's nurse. These signs tell the staff how to protect the patient and visitors.
Contact Isolation	
Enteric Isolation	
Droplet Isolation	

IV. Infection Control Measures

Don't come to the hospital if you have:

Diarrhea, vomiting, skin infections, head colds, coughs, flu symptoms, cold sores/impetigo, pink eye

Wash/Alcohol Hand Rub Your Hands

- *Before and after your shift
- *Before and after contact with patient
- *After contacting patient care items
- *After blowing your nose, covering a sneeze
- *Before invasive procedures or use of sterile gloves
- *After removing gloves
- *When moving from contaminated body site to clean body site

Wash with soap and water for 15 seconds:

When hands are obviously soiled, after using the bathroom, before eating, drinking or handling food and/or after being in Enteric Precaution Room

No food/drink in patient care areas. Non-patient care areas- covered drinks only.

- Bags**
1. Red for infectious waste (dripping with blood/body fluid)
 2. Clear for regular trash.
 3. Clear for all linen.
 4. Biohazard bag for all specimens going to the Laboratory.

Blood and Body Fluid Spill Clean Up

Contact Housekeeping or use spill kit (see package instructions)

Reporting Exposures to Infectious Agents

1. Go to the Emergency Dept (open 24 hours a day) if needed
2. Call Employee Health Services/Human Resources ASAP to make an appointment for follow up.

Negative Vent Rooms

Two rooms available: one in Emergency Dept, one in ICCU.

MRSA/VRE/ESBL

All known MRSA/VRE/ESBL patients are placed in Contact Isolation

TB Risk Categorization

Queen of Peace Hospital is designated as “low risk” for tuberculosis per CDC guidelines. Respiratory Protection Program is in place per OSHA guidelines.

Needle-free Products

Our staff uses available needle-free technology to protect themselves and others.

Latex Allergy/Sensitivity

Non-latex exam gloves are available throughout the facility. Contact Infection Control/Employee Health/Human Resources if you have a latex allergy or sensitivity.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Available for use in all units/departments. Your glasses are not PPE.