

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Requirement of PPE for healthcare workers (HCWs) working near Non-Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) in which intubation is performed and patient is transferred to an Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

When an intubation occurs in a non AIIR and the patient requires an immediate transfer such as during a Code Blue, all HCWs working near this room must don an N95 respirator.

Opening the door immediately after an aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP) is performed may contaminate the adjacent environment.

The duration and discontinuation of precautions is based on the number of air exchanges required per hour to remove airborne microorganisms following the AGMP.

Staff working in these units that have not been fit tested for an N95 respirator can leave the unit until the Code Blue is over and the number of air exchanges required per hour to remove airborne microorganisms have elapsed to reduce risk of exposure.