

## Management of Patients Requiring Airborne Isolation in the Absence of Airborne Isolation Rooms

Apply a procedure mask to the patient.

Apply [Airborne or Airborne & Contact Precautions](#), refer to the [Additional Precautions Pocket Reference for Adults with Known or Suspected Disease or Infection](#)

**Is there a private room with door available?**

NO

Find an enclosed room to care for patient. (i.e. office, ambulatory care area). Close door and place all necessary additional precaution sign(s) on door.  
 Consult with Infection Prevention and Control.

YES

Place a procedure mask on the patient if not already done. Transport patient to the room immediately and close door.  
 Place additional precaution sign on door of room.

**Does the patient require admission?**

NO

On discharge: Keep room vacant with door closed post-discharge for 2 hours or per the air settle clearance time, keep additional precautions sign in place until settle time has lapsed.  
 Persons needing to enter the room before settle time has passed must wear fit-tested N95 respirator

YES

Immediately arrange for transfer to facility with available airborne isolation room. Keep patient in dedicated space until transport. Patient to wear a procedure mask for transport as tolerated  
 On transfer: Keep room vacant with door closed post-discharge for 2 hours or per the air settle clearance time, keep additional precautions sign in place until settle time has lapsed.