

Best Practice Guideline	Bed Placement for Viral Respiratory Illness (VRI)		
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Patient Category	Patient Placement	Precaution Sign	Risk Mitigation
<p>Category A</p> <p>(i) Lab-confirmed (known positive) high risk microorganisms (COVID, Influenza, RSV)</p> <p>(ii) Suspect with respiratory symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single patient room Negative pressure room (for AGMP) If no single rooms, cohort patients only when lab-confirmed test results are known and only cohort patients with the same organisms (i.e. COVID with COVID; Influenza A with influenza A; influenza B with influenza B; RSV with RSV). 	<p>Droplet & Contact</p> <p>Airborne, Droplet & Contact if AGMP</p>	<p>ALL patients in facility, regardless of risk, have daily documented symptom assessment.</p> <p>Dedicated nursing not necessary.</p> <p>Airborne, Droplet & Contact precautions for AGMPs on confirmed or suspected influenza, RSV, COVID-19. Alternatively, Droplet & Contact Precautions sign with AGMP sign may be used.</p>
<p>Category B</p> <p>Asymptomatic patients:</p> <p>(i) Admitted and identified as a close contact by IPAC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single patient room, priority placement for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned/routine AGMP Severely or moderately immunocompromised patients If no single rooms available, cohort contacts from the same exposure event or with VRI cases that have recently recovered (same organism) and/or as per IPAC direction. In a circumstance of significant bed pressure, asymptomatic contacts from separate exposure events can be cohorted together (same organism) as per IPAC direction. Draw privacy curtains, maintain 2 meter separation, closely monitor for new symptoms and promptly test if symptoms develop. 	<p>Droplet & Contact</p>	<p>If AGMP occurring in a cohorted room of confirmed cases, the entire room is to be on Airborne Precautions.</p> <p>VRI patients must not be cohorted with patients who are on other additional precautions (e.g., CPO, CDI, MRSA).</p> <p>Do not cohort severely or moderately immunocompromised patients with exposed contacts whenever possible, single room placement priority.</p> <p>Maintain 2 meters of separation and close privacy curtains around each bed in cohorted rooms. Ensure patients on Droplet and Contact Precautions don a medical mask, perform hand hygiene and are dressed in a clean gown/clothes when they need to leave their bed space (e.g., toileting, bathing, ambulating).</p>
<p>Category C</p> <p>No symptoms or exposure risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bed placement on unit as per normal practice. 	<p>Routine Practices</p>	

