

Negative Pressure Rooms

GENERAL INFORMATION

In settings where airborne precautions cannot be implemented due to limited engineering resources:

- Consult with Infection Prevention and Control to determine risk
- Place patient in private room
- Ensure windows and door remain closed, even if the patient is not in the room
- Ensure bathroom fan is off and remains off
- Patient will wear surgical grade mask(if possible) when healthcare staff and/or visitors are in the room
- Staff must wear a high efficiency N95 mask –for which they have been fit tested when in patient room
- Visitors must wear an N95 mask when in patient room. Staff must help the visitor don and *fit-check* the mask to ensure it is the right size and is worn correctly.
- Arrange for transfer of patient to a facility with a Negative Pressure Room and contact Infection Prevention and Control

The following steps should be followed when the Negative Pressure Room monitoring system indicates a failure with the system:

- Check that windows and doors are closed
- Contact Facilities Maintenance and Operations (FMO) immediately
- If FMO determines the problem cannot be fixed, follow the above policy for a facility with no Negative Pressure Room