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Clinical Research Responsibilities for Infection Prevention & Control Precautions and Communicable Disease Exposure Follow-up

Infection Prevention & Control has requested that the Office of Research re-emphasize that, like all Baystate employees, clinical research personnel entering rooms, ED bays and inpatient areas should follow infection control best-practices. Since many research encounters are not documented in the electronic health record, Infection Prevention & Control cannot rely on CIS for employee contract tracing should a research participant subsequently test positive for a pathogen of concern. **For this reason, we require that all research staff follow the precautions below to ensure employee and patient safety:**

Patient Infection Control Status	PPE
All non-isolation patients in the ED and Inpatient locations	• Hand Hygiene in and out • Wear an isolation mask*
Contact Precautions	• Hand Hygiene in and out • Wear an isolation mask* • Wear gown and gloves
Droplet Precautions	• Hand Hygiene in and out • Wear an isolation mask and eye protection
Airborne Precautions	• Hand Hygiene in and out • Wear a N95 mask or PAPR
Enhanced respiratory precautions	• Hand Hygiene in and out • Wear a N95 mask or PAPR • Wear gown, gloves, and eye protection

*required for all research staff who do not document the patient encounter in the CIS

All research personnel who will be interacting with patients should contact Employee Health to arrange for fit-testing. If you have questions about the patient's infection control status, please discuss with the patient's clinical providers before initiating the research encounter.

Thank you for all you do to advance Baystate Research.