

Recommendations

- CDC recommends limited transport/movement for medically essential purposes only
- Be alert for changes in patient deteriorating condition
- Limit transport team to necessary staff
- Perform hand hygiene:
 - » **Before and After:** All patient contact
 - » **Before and After:** Putting on and removing PPE, including gloves
 - » **After:** Contact with potentially infectious material

Prior to Transport

- Notify receiving area/ department of infectious status to plan for equipment needs, PPE, and placement of patient
- Perform hand hygiene
- Don PPE per facility SOP and CDC guidelines



- <https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/prevent/ppe.html>

Transport

- Use facility designated path for transport; follow facility SOP re: door closures and elevator use
- Have contingency plan for medical emergencies
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-faq.html>
- Cover patient with a clean sheet and apply face mask to patient
- Be aware of visitor and bystander safety in the vicinity



Decontamination After Transport

- Decontaminate the procedure/diagnostic area and/or patient room immediately after patient leaves, per facility SOP
- Use recommended disinfectant
- <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- Ensure surfaces remain wet for the appropriate contact time; follow manufacturer's instruction
- Doffing of PPE per facility SOP and CDC guidelines
- Perform hand hygiene
- <https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/prevent/ppe.html>



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