



## INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Visitors of Patients in Isolation</b>
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<b>Department:</b>	<b>Infection Control</b>
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### **PURPOSE:**

To establish infection control guidelines for the visitors of patients who are placed on isolation precautions.

### **POLICY:**

1. Visitors must stop at the Nursing Station prior to entering an isolation room so that they may receive further instructions.
2. Visitors of patient who are on isolation precautions will be encouraged to use appropriate PPE and will be instructed by nursing staff. At minimum, standard precautions will be enforced.
3. Volunteers will not be assigned to work with patients who are on isolation precautions.
4. Visitation may have further restrictions, as decided by the clinical team, based on the type of infectious organism or the presence of an outbreak in the hospital.