# PATIENT, FAMILY, AND VISITORS



# **Droplet Precautions**

You or a loved one are under Droplet Precautions.

These precautions prevent spread of infection between patients in hospitals. This type of infection is spread by droplets in the air.

An orange sign saying "Droplet Precautions" is outside the room letting staff, families, and visitors know what they can do to keep patients safe.

# As a patient, family member, or visitor you must help by:

- Checking with the nurse before you enter and leave the room.
- Wearing a mask when you are in the room.
- Asking doctors and staff to wash or sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the room, even if they are using gloves.
- Not visiting if you have cold symptoms.

#### You will see physicians and staff doing the following:

# **Hand Hygiene**

✓ Cleaning hands before and after caring for the patient.

#### Gloves, Gowns, Masks, Goggles

- Masks must be worn when entering the room.
- ✓ Gloves, gowns, and goggles may be worn while in the room and removed when leaving.

### **Transportation**

- ✓ If the patient needs to leave the room for a test, staff will help the patient wear a mask.
- Staff will clean their hands.



If you have additional questions regarding Droplet Precautions, ask your nurse.