



SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME

NOTICE

Since 2004, there have not been any known cases of SARS reported anywhere in the world. The content in this PDF was developed for the 2003 SARS epidemic. But, some guidelines are still being used. Any new SARS updates will be posted on this Web site.



Public Health Guidance for Community-Level Preparedness and Response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Version 2

Supplement I: Infection Control in Healthcare, Home, and Community Settings

Appendix I 2

Summary of Recommendations for Expanded Precautions

Category	Elements
Contact Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single patient room (preferred)• Gloves for all contact with patient and environment of care• Isolation gown for all patient contact
Droplet Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single patient room (preferred)• Surgical mask within 3 feet of patient• Eye protection within 3 feet of patient with SARS – CoV
Airborne Infection Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private room with monitored negative air pressure relative to surrounding areas and 6-12 air exchanges per hour• Appropriate discharge of the air to the outdoors or monitored high-efficiency filtration of room air before recirculation• Doors closed except as needed for entry and exit• NIOSH-approved respiratory protection (e.g., N-95 respirator) for entry to rooms of patients with infectious pulmonary or laryngeal <i>M. tuberculosis</i>, draining skin lesions with <i>M. tuberculosis</i>, SARS-CoV disease, smallpox, and viral hemorrhagic fevers

For more detailed information about infection control precautions, please see www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/isolat/isolat.htm.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY)