

infection CONTROL guidelines

8 prevent >> influenza transmission

1 post

Signage instructing patients and persons who accompany them to inform health-care personnel if they have symptoms of respiratory infection

5 wear

Gloves when touching respiratory secretions and surgical masks when within 3 feet of a coughing person

2 provide

Tissues, trash cans, alcohol-based hand rubs, handwashing supplies where sinks are located and surgical masks for persons who are coughing

6 decontaminate hands

Use soap and water if visibly contaminated. Use alcohol-based hand gel if no visible contamination is present

3 separate

Coughing persons from non-coughing persons in common areas

7 decontaminate environment

Wipe down frequently touched areas with routine environmental cleaner more often when coughing persons have been in the area

4 educate

Educate patients and persons to “cover their cough”, dispose of used tissues, wear a mask while in healthcare facility if coughing, and decontaminate hands after coughing or using tissues

8 exclude

Health-care personnel with symptoms of respiratory infection from work for the duration of illness

remember: protect yourself. protect your patients. protect your co-workers.

