



Hospital Visitor Protocol

At hospital entrance – set up temporary booth with trained health workers

I. Visitor Screening

- Temperature check – using Infrared thermometers
- If self reporting with fever / cough / breathlessness – provide mask

II. Personal Disinfection

- Hand gel dispensers at all strategic points in the entrance area
- Liquid soap at water taps & faucets

III. Visitor Access

- Restricting visitor traffic - single attendant with each patient
- Children and elderly limited access with full personnel protection equipment (PPE)
- Limited access to medical representatives, vendors and other visitors

IV. Patient Transfer Vehicles /Ambulances

- Inbound vehicles with patients /attendant to be screened at the entrance

V. Environmental Decontamination

- Periodic surface decontamination with biocides (0.1% NaOCl, 0.5% H₂O₂)*
- Body fluid spills to be disinfected with bleach / alcohol before physical cleaning

VI. Aerosol Management

- Protect front line workers with appropriate PPE, while cleaning body fluids (as aerosol generation can occur)

VII. Hospital Waste Management

- Contaminated PPE to be safely disposed

VIII. Technology Incorporation

- Technology to be utilized to minimize physical meetings of hospital staff

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