Transport guidelines for patients with known or suspected COVID-19
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Call ahead to receiving area:
Ensure that receiving area is expecting the patient
**Indicate suspected or confirmed COVID-19**

Call ahead to security (if needed):
- Agree on the route before departure
- If transporting from PCAM to ED: consider clearing bridge

Review personal protective equipment (PPE):
- Patient should have a gown, clean bed sheet, surgical mask
- Personnel PPE should match the exposure risk category
- PPE should be newly donned
- Rapid response personnel should not transport (if possible)
- Nurse at receiving site can help doff PPE

For PPE help, call Nursing Administrator: 215-301-2797

**OVERARCHING TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS:**
- Minimize transport of COVID-19 patients & patients under investigation (PUIs)
- Protect the transport team
- Avoid contamination of surfaces *en route*
- Ensure the patient is stable for transport

**BEFORE**

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<th>Role</th>
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<tr>
<td>Transporter</td>
<td>Drives patient bed</td>
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<td>Transport assistant (ideally RN)</td>
<td>Monitors patient, Helps direct bed, IV pole, &amp; other equipment</td>
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<td>Security personnel (Needed for PCAM &amp; clinical emergencies)</td>
<td>Keeps self &amp; others at least 6 feet away, NO elevator travel</td>
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<td>Clean assistant</td>
<td>Touches elevator buttons &amp; other clean surfaces, Carries wipes &amp; clean bin/bag, Observes team</td>
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<td>Respiratory therapist (if intubated)</td>
<td>Provides respiratory care &amp; monitoring</td>
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**DURING (ROLES)**

**Clean bed/wheelchair:**
- If bed/wc not staying at destination, remove used sheets and wipe down rails, high-touch areas
- Place clean sheet over bed and railings
- Place bed in area where it does not touch walls and is away from personal traffic
- Place visible “SOILED” sign(s) on top of sheet
- Contact EVS for bed/cleaning, *indicate suspected or confirmed COVID patient*

**Clean transport equipment:**
- Wipe down (with hydrogen peroxide/bleach) surfaces of bed/wheelchair, railing, ventilator, IV pump, transport monitor, other equipment

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