



# Transport guidelines for patients with known or suspected COVID-19

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## BEFORE

### 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

## DURING (ROLES)



### Transporter

Drives patient bed



### Transport assistant (ideally RN)

Monitors patient, Helps direct bed, IV pole, & other equipment

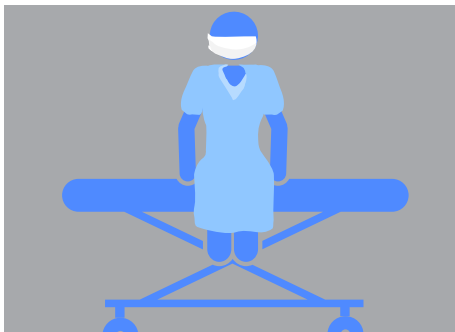
### Clean assistant

Touches elevator buttons & other clean surfaces, Carries wipes & clean bin/bag, Observes team



### Security personnel (Needed for PCAM & clinical emergencies)

Keeps self & others at least 6 feet away, NO elevator travel



### Respiratory therapist (if intubated)

Provides respiratory care & monitoring



## AFTER

### 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

