

Why is my child isolated on transmission-based precautions?

Information for parents, carers and families in Perth Children's Hospital (PCH)

What are transmission-based precautions?

These precautions mean your child will be in a single room with a sign on the door telling staff to use the right precautions. This might include wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) like gowns, gloves, and masks when they come into the room. There are restrictions on your child visiting shared areas in PCH, such as the parent shared kitchenette, cafes, shops and Fun on 4.

Why is my child on transmission-based precautions?

We all have tiny organisms on our body that usually do not cause any harm. Sometimes these organisms can make us sick or cause infections in other people who are already very sick. Your child is carrying one of these organisms. By placing your child under special precautions in the hospital, we can stop it from spreading to others who are at risk.

What does this mean for my child's care?

Your child's care will not be affected in any way.

What does this mean for my visitors?

Your child can usually have visitors. All visitors must wash their hands or use the alcohol-based hand rub before and after their visit. They may be asked to wear PPE, like a face mask. They should not visit any other patients in the hospital. Your care team will be able to tell you what rules apply to visitors.

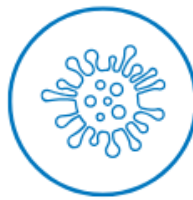
What happens when I go home?

You do not need to take any extra precautions at home. Just keep up good personal hygiene practices such as washing hands before eating and after going to the toilet. Show your child how to cough and sneeze into their elbow. Keep wounds and sores covered and wash your hands before and after touching them.

For further information

Don't hesitate to ask questions. Our staff are here to help. If staff need more information, they can contact the Infection Prevention and Control team at Perth Children's Hospital.





To stop the spread of germs...



...wear a mask, use alcohol-based hand sanitiser...



...and make sure all visitors do the same before entering.



Together we can help keep everyone safe from germs.



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