



Hand Hygiene/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Monitoring Tool for Nursing Homes

Resident Care Unit/Dept.: _____ Month/Year: _____ Monitor's Initials: _____

HR = Alcohol Hand Rub HW = Hand Wash Y = Yes N = No (Mark each opportunity observed. If no opportunities observed or NA, leave blank.)

Healthcare Worker Type:

- 1 = Physician/Provider 3 = Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy 5 = Licensed Vocational Nurse 7 = Other _____
 2 = Respiratory Therapist 4 = Registered Nurse (RN) 6 = Nursing Assistant

# Observations	Date	Time	Health-care Worker Type	Hand Hygiene BEFORE Room Entry			Transmission-based Precautions				COVID-Specific PPE (face mask/respirator/face shield/goggles/etc.)			Gloves Worn		Hand Hygiene Before Donning Gloves		Gown Worn			Gloves and Gown Removed Upon Room Exit			Hand Hygiene Upon Room Exit			Comments
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Hand Hygiene/PPE Monitoring Tool Instructions

Overview: This audit tool can be used to determine compliance of hand hygiene practices and contact precautions by healthcare staff members. Hand hygiene includes cleaning one's hands by using either an alcohol-based hand rub or by washing hands with soap and water. Contact precautions includes hand hygiene plus the use of both gloves and gowns before room entry (going past the area of the door swing or over the threshold if there is no door).

The observer records the occasions in which they observe that a staff member should have carried out hand hygiene, called "opportunities." Hand hygiene opportunities include: before room entry/patient encounter; before donning gloves; and upon room exit.

- A. Write the name of observed unit/department on the form, record the month and year, and write your initials on the line indicated.
- B. Refer to the key on the tool for healthcare worker type and other abbreviations used on the monitoring form.
- C. For each opportunity, the observer records the following:
 1. **Date**—month/day/year.
 2. **Shift**—indicate day, evening, or night.
 3. **Healthcare worker type**—use the number that corresponds with the title of the person you are observing.
 4. **Hand hygiene before room entry and on exit**—mark each opportunity for hand hygiene observed (blue shaded boxes).
 - a. If a staff member cleans his or her hands with an alcohol hand rub, place an **X** in the box labeled **Yes HR**.
 - b. If a staff member washes his or her hands with soap and water, place an **X** in the box labeled **Yes HW**.
 - c. If a staff member did not clean his or her hands, place an **X** in the box labeled **No**.
 5. **Transmission-based precautions** (gray shaded boxes)—if the resident is in *Contact Precautions*, place an **X** in the box labeled **Y = Contact**. If the resident is in *Enteric Precautions*, place an **X** in the box labeled **Y = Enteric**. If the resident is in *Droplet Precautions*, place an **X** in the box labeled **Y = Droplet**; otherwise put an **X** in the box labeled **N**.
 - a. **COVID-specific PPE**
 - i. If a staff member puts on COVID-specific PPE before entering room, place an **X** in the box labeled **Y**.
 - ii. If a staff member enters a resident's room without putting on COVID-specific PPE, place an **X** in the box labeled **N**.
 - b. **Gloves worn**
 - i. If a staff member put on gloves before entering room, place an **X** in the box labeled **Y**.
 - Hand hygiene should be done before donning gloves.
 - Staff members should put on gloves to enter the room of a resident on *Contact or Enteric Precautions*.
 - ii. If a staff member enters a resident's room without putting on gloves, mark the **N** box.
 - c. **Gown worn**
 - i. If a staff member put on a gown when entering a resident's room, mark the **Y** box.
 - Staff members should put on gown to enter the room of a resident on *Contact or Enteric Precautions*.
 - ii. If a staff member enters a resident's room without a gown, mark the **N** box.