

RED LINE IN ISOLATION ROOMS

For 2E, 4th, 5th, and 6th floors at Norton Audubon Hospital

- The floor of all isolation rooms will be marked with **red tape** just far enough into the room to be able to visualize the patient
- All PPE must be worn when going past the **red line**
- The area between the door and the **red line** is considered a “safe zone” and no PPE is required
- The patient bathroom is not considered a “safe zone”!
- The required PPE must be worn when entering the patient bathroom
- The **red line** cannot be used for patients in airborne isolation; the door must remain closed at all times for these rooms and PPE is required upon entry

Utilizing the safe zone will be helpful for those times when a healthcare worker only needs to speak briefly to the patient or make a quick visual assessment.

Remember, the **5 moments for hand hygiene** are still very important!

The **red line** saves time and resources and allows more frequent communication with the patient.

The **red line** is one more reminder that isolation is in place and helps emphasize the need for appropriate PPE when there is a need to go past it.

Norton Audubon Hospital Process for 2E, 4th, 5th and 6th floors:

Red tape will be available in the ANM office.

Staff (ANM, nurses, PCA's, etc.) will place the **red tape** on the floor at the time a patient is placed in isolation (at the end of the bathroom wall in most rooms). This will allow staff to enter the room and speak with the patient without donning PPE.

When the patient is transferred or discharged, staff (ANM, nurses, PCA's, etc.) will remove the **red tape** from the floor before Environmental Services terminally cleans the room.

For any questions about process or tape placement, please reach out to your leader, IP, or educator!

