



Chain of Infection in Health-Care Settings

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- Surveillance of cases and vaccination rates
- Manage cases and contacts
- Get vaccinations

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- Clean your hands
- Choose PPE based on Point of Care Risk Assessment and Additional Precautions
- Respect personal space and avoid overcrowding
- Maintain ventilation systems to meet standards
- Place patients in appropriate spaces

WHAT CAUSES COVID-19?



WHO IS AT RISK OF INFECTION?

Unvaccinated, immune-compromised and the elderly are at highest risk

WHERE THE VIRUS LIVES

Infected people

COVID-19 spreads when every link is present.

Infection prevention and control and public health measures break the links to prevent infections.

Multiple measures work together to break each link, and most measures act on more than one link.

HOW THE VIRUS ENTERS

When the virus comes into contact with mouth, nose, eyes or is breathed into lungs

HOW THE VIRUS EXITS

Mouth and nose

MODE OF TRANSMISSION

Close-range large and small (aerosol) respiratory droplets

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- Early testing & diagnosis
- Investigate clusters and outbreaks
- Get vaccinations

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- Stay home when you are sick
- Screen for symptoms
- Get vaccinations

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- Wear a medical mask with minimal gaps that covers your mouth, nose and chin
- Clean your hands
- Stay home when you are sick or self-isolating
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect environment and equipment

