



Infection Prevention

Preventing the spread of infection is everyone's responsibility

What are we doing to protect you and your loved ones?

- Providing Lakeridge Health staff with education about infection prevention
- Conducting regular audits to ensure that staff are compliant with the practices they have been taught
- Taking swabs from patients that we feel may be at risk of having antibiotic resistant organisms (ARO) and ensuring they are isolated to prevent these organisms from spreading
- Screening each patient for respiratory illness on admission and isolating if necessary
- Offering the flu shot during flu seasons to those at risk
- Bathing Critical Care patients daily with disinfecting soap
- Teaching visitors how to put on and take off protective equipment, such as gowns, gloves and masks

What can you do to prevent the spread of infection?

- If you have a cough or fever, delay your visit if possible
- If you are sick but cannot delay your visit, wear a mask
- Always use alcohol hand rub before you enter the patients room and again upon exiting the room
- Do not use the patient washroom
- Read the signs posted outside of the patient rooms, which explain what type of isolation the patient is on and what you must wear to enter—then remove all equipment before exiting the room
- Wear a mask, gown or gloves, if required

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