

One patient with cough and congestion can release germs into the air and infect multiple people quickly.

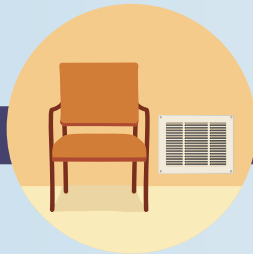
You can help stop the spread of germs.



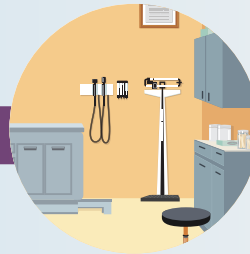
Ask the patient to wear a mask.



If you are near the patient, wear a respirator or mask.



Check to make sure air vents are not blocked.

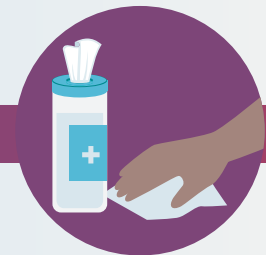


Place the patient in a separate room.

*If the patient also has a rash, check with clinical and infection prevention teams for additional infection control steps.*



Clean your hands.



Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared devices.

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Germes Can Live in the Respiratory System Infographic: <https://bit.ly/46Da0WE>  
Infection Control Actions to Stop the Spread of Respiratory Viruses: <https://bit.ly/3O1UXhM>  
Ventilation in Healthcare Settings: <https://bit.ly/3QOYWjs>