COVID-19: BUDDY SYSTEM PROTOCOLS

Ask your buddy to watch you don PPE before you enter the patient’s room to make sure you are in compliance.

Need supplies? Knock on the glass while you are in the room to alert an available buddy. Open the door for them, and have them hand you the supplies.

When your patient needs medications, ask an available buddy to add the medications to the IV poles outside of the room, while you assist the patient inside.

When you’re ready to exit, knock on the window to alert an available buddy. Doff to minimize risk of error.

Please note: The buddy system was designed to keep patients and caregivers safe. For a full list of PPE recommendations for a clinical setting, visit clevelandclinic.org/COVID19.