Any time a ceiling is open in a patient care area infection control protocol will be implemented.

**Purpose**

To ensure the safest environment possible and to reduce the potential for air borne infection as a result of removal of suspended ceiling tile.

**Procedure**

1. Whenever possible, remove the patient from the affected area.
2. Once the patient has been removed, a zip wall will be installed to reduce the potential of air borne infection.
3. When practical, install a HEPA vacuum to minimize the potential of airborne particulates.
4. The technician will wear a dust mask within a zip wall construction area.
5. After work is complete, clean work area to reduce particulate and dust using a damp rag and mop.
6. Dispose of zip wall and return room in a clean state to nursing administration and admitting.