POLICY:

Patients receive regular tray service-ware when isolation procedures are requested except in pre-approved situations (i.e. patient safety precautions).

PURPOSE:

- To practice standard precautions for all patients.

PROCEDURE:

1. In conjunction with Infection Control department, develop policy for appropriate isolation tray service.

2. When nursing request disposable tray service-ware for a patient, the Nutrition Office notifies nursing that disposable tray service-ware is not required, per standard precautions, except in pre-approved situations.

3. Pre-approved situations may include:
   - safety precautions for patient

4. The Food and Nutrition Services supervisor and personnel are trained in appropriate standard precaution procedures.
   A. As part of new employee orientation.
   B. As an annual in-service review.

5. If a hospitality associate is responsible for serving trays, he/she follows the hospital policy and procedure for entering the patient’s room when on isolation.