

Contact Precautions

SIGNAGE

- Contact precautions signage must be posted on the door and by patient’s bed in multi-bed rooms. (See Contact Precautions poster, Catalogue # 0040506, on the Precaution Signs navigation bar on the Infection Prevention and Control website)
- A single-patient room is preferred for patients/residents who require contact precautions
- The door may be left open
- When a single-patient room is not available, consultation with the Infection Control Practitioner is recommended to assess the various risks associated with other patient placement options (e.g. cohorting, keeping the patient with an existing roommate)
- In multi-patient rooms, at least two meters (6 feet or more) spatial separation between bed and curtain is advised to reduce the opportunities for inadvertent sharing of items between the infected/colonized patient and other patients/residents

INFORMATION FOR STAFF, PATIENTS AND VISITORS

Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine practices to be followed at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients/residents leaving room for tests/mobilization/rehabilitation will do so with permission of healthcare provider 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand hygiene will be performed upon entering/leaving the facility and the patient’s room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare personnel will wear appropriate PPE for all interactions that may involve contact with the patient/patient environ- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients/residents will perform hand hygiene upon exiting and re-entering unit/room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors/relatives will wear appropriate PPE when providing care or very close patient contact, as directed by responsible nurse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE will be changed following procedures, between patients/residents or when heavily contaminated/torn/split during a procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients/residents will wear a clean nightgown/house coat or clothes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will not visit multiple patients/residents/rooms during a visit

Contact Precautions (continued)

INFORMATION FOR STAFF, PATIENTS AND VISITORS (CONTINUED)

Staff	Patients/Residents	Visitors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure single use and dedicated patient equipment for the duration of precautions - i.e. dedicated commode 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients/residents' wounds will be covered with a fresh dressing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors must not visit public areas within the facility (unit kitchen, cafeteria, shops/kiosks in main entrance etc.) and SHALL NOT use the patient/resident bathroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared equipment will be decontaminated appropriately prior to removal from precaution room and before further use 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All dedicated equipment will be decontaminated appropriately on discharge of patient / discontinuation of precautions and prior to removing from patient room 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic procedures will not be postponed, inform receiving department of necessary precautions on the requisition or advising by telephone. Attempt should be made to book infectious cases at the end of the day 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linen and garbage will be placed in regular bags and closed securely prior to removal from room 		