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## Signage and Other Posted Materials

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Most signage presents a very low risk for transmission of organisms.

Determination of whether a sign/poster that is posted should be laminated is based upon the following considerations:

- Length of time it is likely to be posted
- Whether the signage is for long term use and is stored between uses
- Whether the signage would require a wipe down of its surfaces when area is cleaned
- Risk of contamination based on where it will be posted low frequency or high frequency touch areas
- Where it will be used patient care area, staff rooms, office/business area.

When a poster/sign is developed for posting and a decision needs to be made regarding lamination, the following four basic principles should be considered:

- 1. Laminate the poster/sign if it will be posted for a long-term period (30 days or greater), or stored and re-used (i.e. precaution signs)
- 2. Don't laminate if poster/sign is to be posted for short term (less than 30 days)
- 3. If not laminated, remove and replace if it becomes dirty, tattered, or torn
- 4. If the poster/sign is to be posted in a patient or staff bathroom or dirty utility room, it must be laminated regardless of the duration of use

Please note: Sheet protectors are not recommended as an alternate to lamination because they cannot be easily cleaned and require tape to seal the top.

For more information, please contact the Infection Prevention and Control Program