



CONTACT PRECAUTIONS CONTINUING CARE



SINGLE ROOM RECOMMENDED WITH DEDICATED EQUIPMENT

EVERYONE MUST:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room



STAFF MUST:



- ✓ Wear gown and gloves when providing direct care
- ✓ Discard gown and gloves on leaving room

VISITORS MUST:



- ✓ Check with nursing staff before entering room
- ✓ Wear gown and gloves when providing direct care
- ✓ Discard gown and gloves on leaving room

RESIDENTS:



- When residents must leave their room:
- ✓ Wear clean clothing

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USE IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE PRACTICES

Additional Information – Also see Contact Precautions Information Sheet

- Single room and bathroom recommended whenever possible.
- If room sharing: ensure separation of at least 1 metre between residents and between beds; dedicate a bathroom or commode for each resident; pull privacy curtains between residents.
- Door may remain open.
- Dedicate equipment to the isolated resident or clean and disinfect shared equipment after use.
- Do not share items (e.g., puzzles, books, electronics) that cannot be cleaned and disinfected.
- Rooms should contain a dedicated linen bag. Do not overfill bags. Double bag only if leaking.
- All high touch surfaces in the resident's room must be cleaned at least daily with facility approved products and procedures.

Common Organisms Requiring CONTACT Precautions (not all inclusive)

- C Diff (*Clostridium difficile*)
- Scabies until 24 hours after treatment
- Norovirus (Droplet and Contact Precautions if actively vomiting)
- Antibiotic Resistant Organisms – refer to Additional Precautions for ARO Positive Residents in Continuing Care

Wear a new gown and gloves to enter resident room or bed space when:

- o providing **direct care** (e.g., *bathing, washing, turning the resident, changing clothing, continence care, dressing changes, care of open wounds/lesion or toileting*)
- o having any contact with items in resident room (*including gathering and handling specimens*)
- o cleaning any areas in the resident room

Remember!

If the resident has diarrhea it is recommended that soap and water be used for hand hygiene after removing gloves instead of alcohol-based hand rub. (AHS Hand Hygiene Procedure, June 2017.)