

# CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(If you have questions, go to Nurse Station)

## EVERYONE MUST:



- Clean hands when entering and leaving room
- Follow Standard Precautions



Gown and gloves  
when entering room



## DOCTORS AND STAFF MUST:



- Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment.
- Clean and disinfect shared equipment.

# Contact Precautions

Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is cleaned.

Family and other visitors to follow precautions.

## Common Conditions:

- Multidrug resistant organisms
  - Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
  - Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE)
- Clostridium difficile infection (diarrhea)
- Scabies
- Wounds or abscesses with uncontained drainage

## Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

## Equipment and Supplies:

- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including IV pumps, cell phone or pagers (if used in room), other electronics, supplies and equipment prior to removing from patient's room.
- Ensure blood pressure cuff and stethoscope are cleaned and disinfected between patients.
- Only essential supplies in room.

## Linen Management:

Bag linen in the patient's room.

## Personal Protective Equipment:

### Put **ON** in this order:

1. Wash or sanitize hands
2. Gown
3. Mask (if needed)
4. Eye cover (if needed)
5. Gloves

### Take **OFF** & dispose in this order:

1. Gloves
2. Eye cover (if used)
3. Gown
4. Mask (if used)
5. Wash or sanitize hands (even if gloves used)

## Private Room:

If not available, room with patient that has the same organism but no other infection.

## Room Cleaning:

Routine cleaning procedures with the addition of cubicle curtain changes if visibly soiled.

## Transport:

Essential transport only. Place patient in clean gown. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Discontinue precautions as per hospital policy or Infection Preventionist instructions.