



DO NOT REMOVE SIGN UNTIL EVS IS NOTIFIED AND ROOM IS CLEANED ACCORDING TO POLICY

# Contact Precautions



## Private Room

**All VISITORS please report to the Nurses Station.**

### Instructions:

- Wash hands on entering and leaving room with hand gel or soap and water.
- Personal Protective Equipment REQUIRED:
  - > **Gown & Gloves ALWAYS** when entering a room
- When transporting patient:
  - > Try to cover/contain area of infection on patient.
  - > NOTIFY RECEIVING DEPARTMENT OF ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS.



## Room Requirements:

- Private, if available.
- Cohorting patients is allowed as long as same infection/organism (if unsure call Infection Control @ ext. 5006 or 5134).

In addition to Standard Precautions, use Contact Precautions for patients known or suspected to have serious illnesses easily transmitted by direct patient contact or by contact with items in the patient's environment:

- Abscess (draining, major)
- Conjunctivitis
- Decubitus ulcer (infected)
- Enteroviral infections
- Herpes Simplex Virus
- Impetigo
- Lice (pediculosis)
- Scabies
- Viral Hepatitis
- Wound infections (major)
- Multi-resistant organisms, infection or colonization (CRE, ESBL, beta lactamase organisms & acinetobacter)
- Staphylococcal disease (*S. aureus* skin wound or burn)
- Streptococcal disease (group A strep)

Illnesses which require Contact Precautions combined with another type of precaution:

- **Herpes zoster** (Shingles) – airborne & contact (disseminated in immune-compromised patients until lesions are crusted)
- **Chicken pox** (Varicella) – airborne & contact (until lesions are crusted)
- **SARS** - airborne & contact, goggles (eyewear)