

Infection Prevention Practices for Selected Diseases

	Clostridium difficile (C.difficile)	Influenza	Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)	Norovirus	RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)	Scabies	Shingles	Streptococcal Disease, Group A, Invasive	Tuberculosis
Isolation Precautions									
Standard precautions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Contact precautions	X		¥	§	X	X	X		
Droplet precautions		X						X	
Airborne precautions									X
Patient/resident should be placed in a single-bed room, if possible, during infectious period	X	X				X			
Wash hands before and after patient/resident contact	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (≥70% alcohol) use acceptable if no visible contamination		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cleaning/Disinfection									
Routine cleaning of patient/resident's immediate environment and contaminated surfaces with EPA-approved cleaner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Disinfect surfaces and items with 10% bleach solution	£			X					
Disinfect patient/resident care equipment before removal from care site	X	X	X	X		X			
Laundry Management									
Handle all dirty laundry with as little agitation as possible while bagging and sorting	X		X	X		X		X	
Wear gloves and gown to handle items saturated with blood or body fluids and store in plastic bag before laundering	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Launder items in detergent and either hot water or warm water and bleach. Dry in hot dryer.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Launder heavily soiled items separately from other facility laundry	X			X					
Communication									
Notify the health department of a single case.								X	X
Notify the health department of an outbreak of cases.€	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

¥ - Consider the individual patient/resident's clinical situation and facility resources in deciding whether to implement contact precautions.

§ - For patients/residents who are incontinent/use incontinence products or to control an outbreak.

£ - Disinfection with a 10% bleach (sodium hypochlorite) solution is required in an outbreak situation. For single cases, it is acceptable to use an EPA-approved standard disinfectant or a 10% bleach solution.

€ - If unsure as to what constitutes an outbreak, please contact your local health department anytime you observe a greater than expected level of disease activity in your facility.