

# Candida auris

## Essentials for Everyone

*Candida auris* (*C. auris* for short) is a drug-resistant germ (fungus) that can spread in healthcare facilities.

## Why is *C. auris* a special concern?

*C. auris* can cause life threatening infections and only a few medicines may be able to treat the infection. *C. auris* can cause outbreaks in healthcare facilities.

## Symptoms of *C. auris* infection

- You need a lab test to confirm *C. auris* infection.
- When you test positive for *C. auris* you may be very sick or you may not have any symptoms.
- You can still spread *C. auris* without symptoms.

## How does *C. auris* spread?

*C. auris* can live on surfaces for several weeks.



Healthcare equipment and surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected



*C. auris* spreads by hands when not properly sanitized or washed

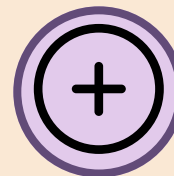


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## PREVENT *C. AURIS*



Keep your hands clean with hand sanitizer or soap and water



Tell all healthcare workers if you have ever tested positive for *C. auris*, even if you aren't sick now.



Follow healthcare facility rules when visiting someone with *C. auris*



Ask your health-care provider if you have questions about *C. auris*.

## WHO IS AT MOST RISK?

*C. auris* infections increased 60% since 2019\*

- Most people who get serious *C. auris* infections are in a healthcare facility and already sick from other medical conditions.
- Remind healthcare workers to clean their hands and equipment frequently.