# ENHANCED BARRIER PRECAUTIONS (EBP)

### WHY EBP IS IMPORTANT

Keep residents, staff, and visitors safe by adding a layer of protection during resident care activities that have a higher risk of spreading dangerous germs.

## WHEN TO USE EBP



Resident has **ever tested positive for a multidrug-resistant organism** (MDRO). Do not use EBP and use **Contact Precautions** if:

- The resident has a draining wound, diarrhea, or secretions/excretions that cannot be contained **OR**
- Ongoing MDRO transmission is documented or suspected on the unit or in the facility



Resident does not have a history of an MDRO but has one or both of the following:

- A wound that requires a dressing. Wound drainage is contained in the dressing.
- An indwelling device (central line, urinary catheter, feeding tube, trach, or ventilator)



Recommended by public health authorities

### HOW TO APPLY EBP



### Place residents appropriately

- No private room required
- Residents are not restricted to their room



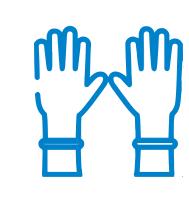
#### Place EBP sign on resident's door



Perform hand hygiene upon entering and exiting room



Wear gown and gloves during high-contact resident care activities



High-contact resident care activities include:

Dressing, bathing/showering, transferring, changing linens, providing hygiene, changing briefs or assisting with toileting, device care or use, wound care



**Use EBP** for the entire length of resident's stay in the facility (or until wounds heal / device removed)



