

## **IC6: 0100 Additional Precautions Overview**

### **1.0 STANDARD**

All staff must follow Additional Precautions as well as Routine Practices when residents are known or suspected to be infected with a transmissible organism.

### **2.0 DEFINITION**

Additional Precautions consist of Contact Precautions, Droplet Precautions, Droplet/Contact Precautions and Airborne Precautions. These are implemented either separately or in combination according to the nature of a disease and how it is transmitted.

### **3.0 PROCEDURE:**

#### **3.1 The direct care staff will identify need for and place residents on additional precautions**

- Perform a point of care risk assessment to determine the need for additional precautions based on residents' symptoms, suspected or confirmed diagnosis and laboratory results.
- Determine appropriate placement for resident
- Communicate the need for additional precautions to staff, volunteers, residents, family, and others by posting appropriate signage at the entrance to the resident's room and/or bed space
- Instruct the resident and family in hand washing and use of Personal Protective Equipment
- Consult Infection Prevention and Control Consultants as required
- Notify the Public Health Unit according to Public Health Requirements. See IC4 Appendix II List of Reportable Communicable Diseases

#### **3.2 Housekeeping Staff**

- Notify housekeeping to do an isolation terminal/discharge cleaning of the room or bed space including bathroom prior to discontinuation of precautions

#### **3.3 Duration of precautions**

- Precautions can be discontinued after signs and symptoms of the infection have resolved or as per the pathogen specific recommendations in Appendix I Precautions Selection Table

**4.0 Recommended Precautions for Selected Infections      Appendix I**

**5.0 REFERENCES**

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Routine practices and additional precautions for preventing the transmission of infection in health care settings. 2012

Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC). Routine practices and additional precautions in all health care settings, 3rd edition. 2012