

IC6: 0200 Transfer of Residents on Additional Precautions

1.0 STANDARD

Residents on Additional Precautions must be transported in a way that prevents the spread of infectious pathogens to others

2.0 PROCEDURE

1. Before the resident leaves the unit, notify the receiving unit that the resident is on additional precautions (e.g., Droplet, Contact etc.)
2. Complete CommuniCARE form if applicable.
3. Clearly document all applicable information on CommuniCARE form.
4. General information required by Acute Care Emergency Department for incoming residents from a Viral Respiratory illness (RI) and/or Gastrointestinal (GI) outbreak and scabies cluster area:
 - Name of LTC community
 - Type of outbreak
 - Date outbreak declared.
 - Signs and symptoms of the resident being transported
 - If symptomatic, provide date of symptom onset

Influenza Outbreaks:

- Is the resident on treatment or prophylaxis?

GI outbreaks:

- Date and time of last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

Scabies Cluster:

- Is the resident on treatment or prophylaxis
- Date of symptom onset

5. Notify ambulance service regarding the required precautions.

6. Residents must complete the following four steps before leaving their room:

- 1) Perform hand hygiene
- 2) Change into clean clothing or hospital gown. Residents should not wear yellow isolation gowns and gloves

- 3) Cover all open or infected wounds with a dry dressing if applicable
- 4) Change and secure incontinence products if applicable

If droplet precautions are required, the resident is required to wear a medical mask when outside of the room.

3.0 Transport Staff:

- Don required PPE if assisting resident to wheelchair or stretcher.
- Doff PPE and perform hand hygiene once the resident is settled in wheelchair or stretcher
- Disinfect the handles of the wheelchair or stretcher with hospital grade disinfectant wipes (e.g., Accel Intervention) before beginning transport of residents to the destination.
- Report resident's precaution status on arrival to the receiving department, unit, or facility
- Transport equipment must be disinfected immediately after use with a hospital grade disinfectant

4.0 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