

Keeping you informed

New signage for Contact Precautions Plus in long-term care communities

What's happening?

- **Beginning November 4, 2024**, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) is introducing a new Contact Precautions Plus sign in long-term care communities, mental health and substance use centres and hospice care settings.
- This practice is standard across Fraser Health and aligns with provincial IPC practices.
- This signage has been used successfully to manage the spread of *C. difficile* and other diarrheal illnesses in acute care settings.
- Contact Precautions Plus sign will help reduce errors with multi-step communication between IPC, care staff and housekeeping regarding cleaning requirements for *C. difficile* and other diarrheal illnesses.

How this may affect you?

- Healthcare providers are required to use Contact Precautions Plus sign when providing care to residents with diarrhea as well as those with confirmed *C. difficile* and viral gastrointestinal infection.
- Follow [GI Outbreak Protocol](#) or [IPC Manual](#) for Health Canada approved disinfectant solutions to manage confirmed *C. difficile* and viral gastrointestinal infection.
- Initiate cleaning with 4.5% Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide or 5,000 ppm bleach product for non-enveloped viruses (e.g., Norovirus, Hepatitis A) and bacterial spores (e.g. *C. difficile*).
- Long-term care communities that are owned and operated by Fraser Health can order the sign from Fraser Health Stores Catalogue [#413248](#)
- Affiliated care communities can print the sign from [GI Outbreak Protocol](#) or [IPC Manual](#)

Questions?

Contact your IPC practitioner or email askIPCcommunity@fraserhealth.ca