

Educational Material: Resident Placement

Standard Precautions

Prioritize for single-resident room if resident is:

- at increased risk of transmission - uncontained secretions, excretions, drainage, or acute diarrhea, noncompliant behaviors
- likely to contaminate the environment - uncontained secretions, excretions, drainage, or acute diarrhea, behavioral issues
- does not maintain appropriate hygiene - cognitive or mental health disorders, physical disabilities
- at increased risk of acquiring infection or developing adverse outcomes following infection - immunocompromised, indwelling invasive device, open wounds, anticipated prolonged length of stay, and total dependence on HCWs for activities of daily living

(Source: APIC, Infection Prevention Guide to Long-Term Care, 2nd Edition)

When a resident is exhibiting signs and/or symptoms of a possible infection, initiate the appropriate transmission-based precautions.

- Contact Plus Standard Precautions-private room preferred, case-by-case basis
- Droplet Plus Standard Precautions-private room preferred, case-by-case basis
- Airborne Plus Standard Precautions-private room always indicated
- Cohorting - practice of grouping together residents who are colonized or infected with the same organism

(Source: CDC, Summary of Recommendations- Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, [Summary of Recommendations | Infection Control | CDC](#))

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