

Infection Prevention and Control Audit: CONTACT PRECAUTIONS (CP) MONITORING TOOL

This Audit tool is for the use of WRHA staff to audit the practice of infection control procedures in healthcare settings, to reduce risk of Healthcare Associated Infection transmission, thereby ensuring patients are cared for in a safe environment.

Facility/Unit _____ Bed Space/Number: _____ Date: _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)
Start time: _____ End time: _____ Auditor (Print): _____

Healthcare Worker Category (Circle #):

1 = Physician/PA 5 = Spiritual Care 9 = Housekeeping 13 = Dietary 17 = Other
2 = Nurse 6 = IV Team/Lab 10 = Patient Transport 14 = Speech Language/Audiology 18 = Midwife
3 = Healthcare Aide 7 = Physiotherapy 11 = Radiology/DI 15 = Rec Therapy 19 = Volunteer
4 = Social Work 8 = Occupational Therapy 12 = Respiratory Therapy 16 = Pharmacy

Instructions: Select "Yes" if activity was observed and completed appropriately. Select "No" if activity was observed and not completed appropriately; please also comment. Select "Not Seen" if you were not able to observe the activity. Select N/A if not applicable and add comment. If more space required for comments, please use back of Tool or new paper.

Item	Compliance				Comment
Set Up					
1. Precautions signage visible <u>before</u> entering room or bedspace	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
2. Precautions signage adheres to PHIA requirements (i.e., does not breach confidentiality by specifying a specific disease/patient name)	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
3. PPE supplies available immediately outside room or bedspace? If no, where are they located?	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
4. Are PPE supplies located on an isolation cart immediately outside room/bedspace? If no, are they made available?	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
5. Available PPE supplies are in a variety of sizes	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
Donning PPE					
6. Alcohol based Hand Rub (ABHR) or hand hygiene (HH) sink with soap is located immediately outside the room/bedspace	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
7. HH performed immediately prior to putting on PPE	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
8. New single use PPE applied prior to entering room/bedspace	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
9. When applied, PPE is donned in appropriate sequence	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
10. Gown worn/not worn as indicated by CP	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
11. Gown(s) is/are worn appropriately (e.g., tied neck and waist)?	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
12. Gloves worn as indicated by CP	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
Use of PPE					
13. PPE is only worn inside the isolation room/bedspace	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
Doffing PPE					
14. PPE is removed within the isolation room/bedspace	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
15. PPE is removed in a manner to prevent contamination	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
16. PPE removed in appropriate sequence: a) Gloves removed b) Gown (if worn) removed c) HH performed immediately after removal of PPE	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	
17. PPE is disposed of appropriately a) Yellow gown in soiled laundry bin/garbage (if disposable) b) Gloves in garbage bin	YES	NO	Not Seen	N/A	

Contact Precautions Monitoring Tool Instructions

The purpose of this Audit tool is to determine health care worker (HCW) compliance with PPE and Contact Precautions. Contact Precautions includes hand hygiene plus the use of PPE as per the WRHA Contact Precautions protocol. Observers must first review Contact Precautions as well as review correct PPE donning and doffing procedures prior to beginning auditing for the first time.

The observer records the occasions they observe where a staff member dons/doffs PPE:

1. Write the name of observed Unit/Department on the form, record the day, month and year, and write your name on the line indicated.
2. Refer to the key on the tool for HCW type and other abbreviations used on the monitoring form.
3. For each item, the observer records the following:
 - **Date** – Include month, day, and year
 - **Health Care Worker (HCW) type** – Use number that corresponds with the title of the person you are observing

NOTE: Please refer to the [Contact Precautions Protocol](#) for clarification re: use of PPE by Healthcare worker.

Gloves

- Wear gloves to enter the room, cubicle or the patient’s designated bed space within a shared room
- Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene on exit from the room, cubicle or patient bedspace
- Change gloves between care activities and procedures with the same patient, e.g., after handling an indwelling urinary catheter, or suctioning an endotracheal tube. This prevents contamination of clean body sites or the patient’s environment
- Perform hand hygiene after glove removal

Gowns

- Wear a long sleeved gown if it is anticipated clothing or forearms will be in direct contact with the patient or with environmental surfaces or objects in the patient care environment. If a gown is to be worn, put it on before entry into the room, cubicle or patient’s designated bedspace in shared rooms
- If a healthcare worker enters a Contact Precautions room without a gown and is then required to perform an activity requiring a gown, he/she must remove and discard gloves, clean hands, put on a new, clean gown, and apply fresh gloves before returning to provide care
- Don gown immediately prior to entering the isolation room/bedspace
- Remove gown before leaving the patient’s environment; place it into a hands free receptacle in the patient room/cubicle/bedspace
- Do not wear the same gown for more than one patient
- Do not wear the same gown on repeated occasions (i.e., don’t remove then reapply the same gown)
- Remove and replace the gown if it becomes wet or visibly contaminated

Note:

Individuals may wear cultural or faith-related head coverings in a Contact Precautions room. Cultural or faith-related head coverings shall be considered equivalent to/treated as the individual’s hair.

Additional Comments:
