

## MEMO

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To: WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual Holders  
From: Janice Briggs, WRHA Infection Prevention & Control Specialist  
Re: WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual Revisions

Revisions to the WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual listed in the table below are effective immediately and may be accessed by [clicking here](#). Please ensure the appropriate staff at your site/program/department are notified and revisions to the identified sections of their manuals are made.

Please note: the entire [WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual](#) is available online. If your site/program/department uses the electronic version instead of a paper copy of the manual, it is not necessary to print these revisions. Acute Care Infection Prevention and Control Manual binders and tabs are available upon request at no charge by contacting Kelly McKenna at [kmckenna@wrha.mb.ca](mailto:kmckenna@wrha.mb.ca).

Instructions for WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual Revisions			
Document Name	Major Revisions & Rationale	Remove Pages	Insert Pages
1. <a href="#">Table of Contents</a>	Includes revisions	1.1.1-1.1.2	1.1.1-1.1.2
2. <a href="#">Purpose, After Hours Coverage &amp; IP&amp;C Contact Info</a>	No change to Purpose or After Hours Coverage – included due to being opposing side of deleted Contact and Staff Contact Information, which is available at: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/ContactUs.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/ContactUs.php</a>	1.2.1-1.3.3	1.2.1-1.2.2
3. <a href="#">Document Development, Review &amp; Stakeholders</a>	Stakeholders updated. Other information unchanged.	11-14	1.3.1-1.3.4
4. <a href="#">Facility Approved Disinfectants</a>	Purpose of this new document is to provide IP & C guidance for the appropriate use of disinfectants, including solutions, contact times, and dilutions. Target audience: Front line healthcare workers. Scope: NOT intended to provide instruction to Housekeeping staff or Medical Device Reprocessing staff.	n/a	3.3.11 (Insert after 3.2.9)
5. <a href="#">Enhanced Droplet Contact Precaution Appendix A-AGMPs</a>	No change in practice. Revised to clarify N95 Respirators are worn during Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) on patients on Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions, as opposed to all patients.	5.36	5.36
6. <a href="#">Clinical Presentation and Empiric Precautions Table pp. 6.1.1 - 6.1.2</a>	No change in practice. Hyperlinks on page 6.1.2 included and/or updated. No changes to page 6.1.1; included due to being opposing side of page 6.1.2.	6.1.1-6.1.2	6.1.1-6.1.2
7. <a href="#">Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table - Diphtheria</a>	Phalangeal Diphtheria: Comment added to specify Pharyngeal Diphtheria is a reportable disease, contact ICP. No change in practice, included to provide directions on previously existing reporting requirements. No change to page 6.2.8– included due to being opposing side of revised page.	6.2.7-6.2.8	6.2.7-6.2.8

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<b>8. <u><a href="#">Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table - Influenza (Seasonal) &amp; Meningococcus (Neisseria meningitidis)</a></u></b>	Revisions to Seasonal Influenza's Incubation Period, Period of Communicability and Duration of Precautions to be consistent with WRHA IP&C's Seasonal Influenza Protocol and MB Health Guidance. Added Meningococcus ( <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> ): direction for precautions for patients <5 years added. No change in practice; the same information was previously available in the Clinical Presentation table. No changes to pages 6.2.12 or 6.2.13: included due to being opposing sides of revised pages.	6.2.11-6.2.14	6.2.11-6.2.14
<b>9. <u><a href="#">Bed Bugs Protocol</a></u></b>	When to implement and discontinue Contact Precautions specified. Bed bug management algorithm and direction regarding hospital gown refusal added. Information describing use of double sided tape and plastic cover included. Background regarding where bed bugs live and how they can enter the facility included. Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health section updated.	7.20.1-7.20.3	7.2.1-7.2.6 (Insert after 7.1.34)
<b>10. <u><a href="#">SARI Protocol</a></u></b>	Reviewed for consistency with MB Health's 2016 SARI Protocol. No content changes, only formatting / editorial revisions and review date added	7.29.1 – 7.29.14	7.29.1–7.29.14
<b>11. <u><a href="#">Pull Cords and Call Bells, IP&amp;C Communication Form</a></u></b>	No change in practice. Reviewed to ensure guidance remains up-to-date. Revised to provide clarification and updated references. Condensed to one page; flip side is a blank page.	8.9 – 8.10	8.6.1. (Insert after 8.6)
<b>12. <u><a href="#">Sharing of Personal Care Items IP&amp;C Communication Form</a></u></b>	Guidance regarding storage, visitor use and management of personal care items upon discharge or terminal cleaning provided in this revision. Condensed to one page; flip side is a blank page.	8.7-8.8	8.8.1
<b>13. <u><a href="#">Definitions</a></u></b>	Revised to provide evidence based definitions from recognized authorities.	11.1 – 11.6	9.1.1 – 9.1.32
<b>Documents to be Removed:</b>			
<b>14. PPE – Putting it On in 5 Easy Steps &amp; Taking it off in 6 Easy Steps</b>	Remove signs from Manual, as they will be posted on the IP&C Acute Care Manual webpage: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php</a> .	12.5-12.6B	N/A
<b>15. Cover Your Cough Sign</b>	Remove signs from Manual, as they will be posted on the IP&C Acute Care Manual webpage: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php</a>	12.12 (may have no page number)	N/A
<b>16. Additional Precautions Signs</b>	Remove signs from Manual, as they will be posted on the IP&C Acute Care Manual webpage: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php</a> .	12.12.1 (After: Adult & Pediatric Point of Entry Respiratory Infection Screening)	N/A
<b>17. Contact Precautions Visitor Signs: English &amp; Bilingual</b>	Remove signs from Manual, as they will be posted on the IP&C Acute Care Manual webpage: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php</a> .	Located after 12.23.4	N/A
<b>18. Visitor Restriction Signs - Influenza</b>	Remove signs from Manual, as they will be posted on the IP&C Acute Care Manual webpage: <a href="http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php">http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php</a> .	Located after 12.63.2	N/A
<b>19. References</b>	References for the entire manual have been replaced with references for individual documents, which have been included as documents have been written or revised.	13.1 – 13.6	N/A