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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 at: <http://www.wrha.mb.ca/extranet/ipc/manuals-acute.php>. 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.

Instructions for WRHA Acute Care Infection Prevention & Control Manual Revisions

Document Name	Purpose of new document/major revisions and rationale of document revisions	Remove Pages	Insert Pages
1. Table of Contents	Revised to include new documents.	1.1.1-1.1.2	1.1.1-1.1.2
2. Emergency Water Contingency for WRHA Facilities Operational Directives	Purpose of this new document: To ensure a safe water supply during emergencies. Practice changes /new guidance: Water contingency processes have been standardized and formalized. Practice change is dependent on previous practices, which varied by site.	n/a.	3.13.1-3.13.12 + 2 signs as appendices (Insert <u>before</u> page 3.6.1)
3. Additional Precautions Implementation & Discontinuation	Purpose: to provide more detail than the previous document, including new guidance regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Additional Precautions for AGMPs • Appropriate personal protective equipment patient accommodation • Documentation and communication • Assessing for continuing/discontinuing Additional Precautions • Discontinuing Airborne Precautions • Environmental, equipment, supply and patient possession cleaning, disinfection and management 	5.1-5.2	5.1.1-5.1.6
4. Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) Prioritization – Appendix C	Purpose of this new document: To provide guidance regarding priority of AIIR assignment intended to be used in conjunction with clinical judgment.	n/a	5.2.13 – 5.2.14 (Insert after pg. 5.8)
5. Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions Appendix A	Revised to clarify that direction in this appendix applies to Aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMPs) only on patients on Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions, i.e., not for patients not on Enhanced Droplet/Contact Precautions	5.36	5.8.6

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6. Clinical Presentation & Empiric Precautions Table - TB entry	Practice changes /new guidance: Night sweats, hemoptysis, unexplained weight loss included in presentations for which TB should be considered in patients at risk; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Infection Control Profession (ICP) to be notified instead of TB ICP. 	6.1.2	6.1.2
7. Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table –Influenza (Seasonal) entry	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criterion to discontinue precautions has been changed. 	6.2.11	6.2.11
8. Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table– Lice entry	Revised to delete “Apply pediculicides as directed on label. If live lice found after therapy, repeat.” because treatment guidance is outside the scope of IP&C.	6.2.12	6.2.12
9. Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table–Mumps entry	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of precautions: until 5 days after onset of parotitis not previously specified. 	6.2.14	6.2.14
10. Cystic Fibrosis Protocol	Purpose of this new document: To provide IP&C cystic fibrosis guidance. Practice changes: Implement Contact Precautions, mask patients with Cystic Fibrosis when not in their room, new environment & accommodation guidance.	n/a	7.6.1-7.6.4 (Insert after 7.5.7)
11. Group A Streptococcus	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised to direct staff to OESH for any staff concerns 	7.9.1 – 7.9.4	7.9.1 – 7.9.4
12. Lice (Pediculosis) Protocol	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More specific guidance regarding management of linens, supplies & patient’s personal possessions included. Staff directed to OESH for staff concerns. 	7.15.1–7.15.3	7.15.1–7.15.2
13. Pertussis Protocol	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New guidance regarding swab collection and adolescent & adult immunization. • Staff now directed to OESH for any staff concerns. 	7.16.1-7.16.3	7.23.1-7.23.4 (Insert after 7.19.2)
14. Rubella (German Measles) Protocol	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New guidance regarding Precautions Discontinuation & MMR vaccines Included. • Staff now directed to OESH for any staff concerns. 	7.17.1-7.17.3	7.25.1-7.25.4 (Insert after 7.23.4)
15. Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) Protocol	Practice changes /new guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incubation Period changed from 14-16 days to 10-21. • Staff now directed to OESH for any staff concerns. 	7.5.1 – 7.5.7	7.33.1–7.33.6 (Insert after 7.31.22)
Documents to be Removed from the manual			
16. Appendix section: Information Sheets, Fact Sheets, signs, etc.	Remove all information sheets and fact sheets from the manual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current fact sheets available on the IP&C web page Tools under Fact Sheets • Signs, booklets and other resources available from the HSC Print Shop have previously been removed from the manual and posted in the Ordering Information tab of the IP&C web page. 	Remove all appendices except for: 12.1 & 12.12.1	n/a