



## **ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

### **1. Introduction**

Additional Precautions are infection prevention and control precautions and practices required in addition to Routine Practices. Additional Precautions are required to interrupt transmission in the community setting. They are based on the mode (means) of transmission of the infectious agent: airborne, droplet, and contact.

Some microorganisms may be transmitted by more than one route necessitating more than one type of Additional Precautions (e.g., Airborne/Contact, Droplet/Contact).

Additional Precautions are established as soon as client assessment indicates a possible communicable disease or clinical syndrome. It is not necessary to wait for a specific diagnosis or microbiological confirmation to implement Additional Precautions.

In most situations in the community setting, there will be rare occasions where Additional Precautions would be required. Additional Precautions may be required in certain areas of community care, e.g. clinic settings. More direction may be required to health care workers/staff if Additional Precautions are implemented in these settings.

Refer to the Clinical Presentation/Microorganism/Infectious Disease table for the specific Additional Precautions required.