

# Transmission Based Precautions Quick Guide

Measures	Contact	Droplet	Airborne
Alert Condition	Diarrhoea, oozing wound, infestation, body fluids	Fever, cough or sneezing symptoms, projectile vomiting	Severe respiratory illness, measles-like rash, chickenpox-like rash
Organism / disease based precautions (Not complete list-see National Infection Prevention & Control Manual)	Risk of or infected with: Group A Streptococcus, shingles, Rotavirus, <i>C. difficile</i> , MRSA, CPE, VRE, ESBL, Norovirus	Coronaviruses, Pertussis (whooping cough), Mumps, Influenza, RSV, meningitis, Rhinovirus, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus	MERS-CoV, SARS, chickenpox, novel viruses, measles, Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Staff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Refer to Contact Precautions poster	Refer to Droplet Precautions poster	Refer to Airborne Precautions poster
Side room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patient to wear surgical mask during transportation	Yes (as per COVID-19 pandemic measures)	Yes	Yes

<b>CPE</b>	Carbapenemase Producing Enterobacteriaceae
<b>ESBL</b>	Extended Spectrum B-lactamase
<b>MERS-CoV</b>	Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus
<b>MRSA</b>	Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
<b>RSV</b>	Respiratory Syncytial Virus
<b>SARS</b>	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
<b>VRE</b>	Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus

For organism specific guidance, please refer to the [National Infection Prevention and Control Manual \(NIPCM\) A-Z of pathogens.](#)