

Purpose

This procedure guides all healthcare providers (HCPs) to ensure safe and timely discontinuation of Additional Precautions when no longer required.

Site Applicability

All patient care areas of BC Children's and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre

Practice Level/Competencies

Following requirements for Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), Routine Practices and Additional Precautions is a basic skill for all HCPs and includes gathering or reporting relevant patient information to Infection Control Practitioners (ICPs).

Policy Statement(s)

All HCPs and staff follow IPAC Additional Precautions requirements until discontinuation of precautions has been approved by IPAC team member. Determination of discontinuing Additional Precautions (i.e. Airborne, Contact & Droplet, etc.) is completed and approved by IPAC team members.

Procedure

STEPS	RATIONALE
<p>1. Prior to contacting IPAC team member: HCP COLLECTS the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patient Name, MRN, bed/unit location, PHN and Date of Birth (DOB) ○ Date of symptom onset and Rationale for Additional Precautions ○ Start date of Additional Precautions ○ Type of Additional Precautions ○ Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) status (positive/negative for MRSA, VRE, CPO etc.) ○ Presence of Cerner (PowerChart) Process Alert Infection Control Flag ○ Current antibiotics: start date and reason ○ Relevant lab results (i.e. respiratory panel, specimen samples/cultures, etc.) ○ Current signs/symptoms of infection: draining wounds, respiratory symptoms, GI symptoms, fever, seizure of unknown etiology, rash, altered level of consciousness with no known diagnosis 	<p><i>Ensures all relevant information is available for ICP to properly inform decision.</i></p>
<p>2. HCP CONTACTS IPAC team member with above information.</p>	<p>Attempts should be made to address questions regarding discontinuation of precautions M-F 0800-1600 by contacting ICP</p> <p>Outside of these hours, on-call IPAC physician is available for urgent requests</p>

DISCONTINUATION OF INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

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	ONLY. Urgent requests include, but are not limited to scenarios where unnecessarily prolonging of Additional Precautions may result in negative patient care quality outcomes, has a critical impact on access and flow, and PPE supply and/or workflow issues.
<p>3. IPAC team member DECIDES if Additional Precautions can be discontinued and communicates decision to HCP as soon as possible.</p> <p>All Additional Precautions remain in effect until a decision is made.</p> <p>Note: In most cases, individuals that have ARO Cerner Flags will remain on Additional Precautions indefinitely as per IPAC MRSA and VRE Discontinuation of Additional Precautions Standard.</p>	<p><i>Ensures timely discontinuation of Additional Precautions.</i></p> <p><i>Ensures patient and staff safety by maintaining safe practices for infection prevention and control.</i></p>
4. HCP documents IPAC decision in patient chart.	<i>Ensures clear communication to all HCPs involved in patient care.</i>
5. HCP performs Additional Precautions discontinuation process as per unit protocols and requests isolation discharge clean of patient room prior to removal of room signage.	<p><i>Follow Additional Precautions discontinuation protocols as outlined in IPAC Manual:</i></p> <p>http://policyandorders.cw.bc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Infection%20Control/IC.04_01-Principles%20of%20Additional%20Precautions%20Revised%20July%2017%202017.pdf</p>
<p>6. HCP PROVIDES education to patient and family as needed.</p> <p>See below Patient & Family Engagement/Education section.</p>	<i>Ensures patient and family are aware of change in requirements and understand ongoing infection prevention and control requirements.</i>

Documentation

HCP documents date and time of discontinuation of Additional Precautions in patient record with any additional relevant information.

Patient & Family Engagement/Education

HCP inform patient and family when Additional Precautions have been discontinued.

HCP provide information and education on any change in restrictions to movement and/or use of shared spaces.

HCP provide education for ongoing Routine Practices to reinforce safe infection prevention measures including proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and physical distancing behaviours. IPAC developed number of patient education resources that can be found in IPAC Manual under [“Information sheets and pamphlets”](#) tab.

References

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Definitions

IPAC team members - ICP, Medical Microbiologist, IPAC Physician

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