

Isolation Pocket Reference for Community, Ambulatory and Residential Living Sites

(NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN INCLUSIVE LIST. Refer to the IPC [Community-based Services IPC Manual](#))

DISEASE OR SYMPTOM PRESENTATION • Bulleted items refer to 'symptom presentations'	N95 Respirator (fit testing required)	Procedure Mask and eye protection	Gown	Gloves
AIRBORNE				
• Cough (>2 weeks), weight loss, night sweats and abnormal chest x-ray in persons with risk factors for pulmonary TB (e.g., Immigrant, Aboriginal, homeless, HIV)	✓			
• Fever with maculopapular rash, cough, conjunctivitis and coryza	✓			
Measles (N95 required if the HCW t immunity unknown)	✓			
TB (pulmonary or laryngeal)	✓			
AIRBORNE AND CONTACT				
• Fever with vesicular rash, headache, sore throat, cough	✓		✓	✓
Chickenpox (N95 required only if the HCW is not immune to chickenpox)	✓		✓	✓
Shingles, disseminated or localized in immunocompromised host (N95 required only if the HCW is not immune to chickenpox)	✓		✓	✓
DROPLET				
Haemophilus influenza (Type B only) invasive disease		✓		
Mumps		✓		
Pertussis		✓		
Rubella		✓		
DROPLET AND CONTACT				
• Acute respiratory tract infection with any of: new cough or change in chronic cough, pharyngitis, fever, myalgia, arthralgia, headache	Note: N95 for AGMP for unknown RI, Influenza A or B, or COVID-19	✓	✓	✓
• Diarrhea and vomiting (cause not known)		✓	✓	✓
• Headache, fever, neck stiffness, photophobia, petechial rash, decreased LOC		✓	✓	✓
Suspect or Confirmed COVID-19, including extended symptoms		✓	✓	✓
Group A Streptococcus (GAS) pharyngitis, scarlet fever or invasive disease		✓	✓	✓
Influenza A or B or respiratory illness (RI)		✓	✓	✓
Meningococcal disease		✓	✓	✓
MRSA with cough and poor adherence to hand and respiratory hygiene		✓	✓	✓
Respiratory virus (includes adenovirus, coronavirus, parainfluenza, rhinovirus, RSV)		✓	✓	✓
CONTACT				
• Diarrhea, acute with possible infectious cause and no vomiting			✓	✓
• Wound or cellulitis with uncontained drainage			✓	✓
Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (MRSA, VRE, CRE, ESBL, etc.) – only if uncontained drainage, poor hygiene and/or is soiling the environment			✓	✓
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> diarrhea			✓	✓
Hepatitis A			✓	✓
Impetigo with uncontained drainage			✓	✓
Lice (lice don't jump or fly)			✓	✓
Scabies (scabies don't jump or fly)			✓	✓
Shingles, localized in a normal host and draining lesions cannot be covered			✓	✓

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