



Standard Precautions and Transmission-Based Precautions

Residential Care Facilities

Healthcare Personnel (HCP) should adhere to Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions based on anticipated exposures and suspected or confirmed diagnoses.

Standard Precautions

Standard Precautions are used for all patient care. They're based on a risk assessment and make use of common-sense practices and personal protective equipment (PPE) use that protect Healthcare personnel (HCP) from infection and prevent the spread of infection from patient to patient.¹

Does your facility have written protocols that address the basic principles of Standard Precautions?

- Hand hygiene
- Use of appropriate PPE
- Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette
- Ensure appropriate patient placement
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Laundry
- Safe injection practices
- Healthcare worker safety.

The [Standard Precautions](#) site provides materials to help develop written infection control protocols, and also provides posters and training materials relevant to standard precautions (e.g., handwashing).

¹ [Standard Precautions for All Patient Care](#), CDC

Transmission-Based Precautions

Transmission-Based Precautions are the second tier of basic infection control and are to be used in addition to Standard Precautions for patients who may be infected or colonized with certain infectious agents for which additional precautions are needed to prevent infection transmission.²

The [Transmission-Based Precautions](#) site provides information and guidelines for developing written protocols related to:

- Contact Precautions
- Droplet Precautions
- Airborne Precautions.

The site also provides [signage](#) for each transmission-based precaution.

Resources

[Protecting Healthcare Personnel](#) provides information and training materials. The resources are intended to promote patient safety and increase the safety of the healthcare work environment through improved use of PPE by HCP.

[COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control](#), *includes videos, posters, and tool kits specific for residential care facilities.* Videos include infection prevention and control guidance, how to protect residents from COVID-19, recognizing new or worsening infections in residents, when and how to use PPE correctly, know how and when to clean/disinfect, and how and when to perform hand hygiene. Project First Line/CDC

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² [Transmission-Based Precautions](#), CDC