



# An important message from Infection Prevention & Control: Please print/post

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## Clarification re: CONTACT Precautions

There has been a practice change to the PPE requirement for Contact Precautions for patients with MRSA and C. diff only.

Precaution signage is to remain posted and isolation cart outside of the room.

A risk assessment should be performed prior to entering a patient room to determine if gown and gloves are required or if hand hygiene is sufficient. If no patient contact is occurring, we recommend hand hygiene only. If you are going to come into contact with bodily fluids/excretions/secretions, wear gloves and a gown.

This does NOT apply to COVID-19 infection or any other contact/droplet-spread infection.

As our COVID-19 response or availability of PPE changes, we will continue to update our guidance.

Degree of Exposure Expected	If YES	If NO
Body Contact with blood/body fluids/secretions/excretions?	Wear a gown and gloves	No PPE required but wash hands before and after.
Exposure to non-intact skin or mucous membranes?		
Exposure to contaminated equipment or surfaces including cleaning?		