

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 30th, 2018

To: VCH Operational Directors, Patient Care Managers, Clinical Nurse Educators, Patient Care Coordinators, Crothall Compass Environmental Services and Clinical Staff

CC: Dr. Elizabeth Bryce, VA Infection Control Officer, Dr. Leigh Lindsay and VCH Infection Preventionists

From: Dr. Titus Wong, Regional Medical Director, Infection Prevention & Control and Pat Bleackley, Regional Director, Infection Prevention & Control/4 Cornerstones

Subject: **Management of Newly Identified Clostridium *Difficile* cases to Reduce Transmission in all Facilities**

1. Newly identified lab-confirmed *C. difficile* positive patient rooms are to be isolation cleaned and disinfected **once within 24 – 48 hours followed by the use of the RD** (rapid disinfectant), if this machine is available in this facility.
2. Step 2 is repeated whenever *C. difficile* precautions are discontinued or patient is transferred or discharged.
3. Bathe/Wash/HH patient, provide clean gown, then place the patient in/on a clean chair/wheelchair/stretchers outside the room while their room is being isolation cleaned and disinfected.
4. When the isolation cleaning and disinfection is complete, return the patient to their room and ensure the wheelchair/chair/stretchers receives an isolation clean and disinfection.
5. Infection Preventionists (IPs) will email Crothall Compass and the PCC/Unit Clerk of all newly identified *C. difficile* cases.
6. The Unit PCC/Unit Clerk phones Crothall Compass Call Centre (1-844-372-1959) about the newly identified *C. difficile* room location to arrange for the best time for the isolation cleaning and disinfection, followed by use of the RD machine, to occur.