

## Assessment of the Need for Additional Precautions in Home and Community Care

RISK OF TRANSMISSION	ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL	PLACEMENT AND PRECAUTIONS
<b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No signs/symptoms of communicable diseases (e.g. fever, rash, diarrhea, cough)</li> <li><b>Cooperative</b>, but may need prompting or assistance with hand hygiene, toileting practices, etc.</li> <li><b>Contained</b> drainage of body fluids by wound care or incontinence products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Routine Practices</b> with prompting/assistance as needed</li> </ul>
<b>HIGH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signs/symptoms of communicable diseases (e.g., fever, cough, rash, diarrhea, vomiting)</li> <li><b>Uncooperative</b>, even with prompting or assistance (e.g., unable or unwilling to perform hand hygiene, change soiled dressings, incontinence products or clothes)</li> <li><b>Uncontained</b> drainage of body fluids that regularly soil the environment</li> <li>Severe, non-intact skin conditions with shedding or flaking skin (e.g. extensive dermatitis or psoriasis)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional Precautions</b> required</li> <li>Consider booking at end of day or during periods of low activity</li> <li>Individuals with a suspected communicable disease should not sit in the waiting room and instead be moved to the exam/treatment space as quickly as possible. Advise client to perform hand hygiene and to wear a mask if indicated</li> <li>Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and equipment following visit (two-step process)</li> <li>Maintain social distancing (2 meters separation) for droplet transmission risk; mask client as required</li> <li>Keep door closed if the client has a suspected airborne disease. Client must wear procedure mask. Refer to Airborne Precautions information sheet for more information. Keep door closed and room vacant for required settle time after client has left.</li> <li>Keep door closed for <u>Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs)</u> if client has <u>suspected or confirmed Influenza-Like Illness (ILI)</u>. Keep door closed and room vacant for required settle time after client has left.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Airborne Precautions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N95 respirators are used with suspected or confirmed cases of airborne infections (e.g., pulmonary tuberculosis, chicken pox, disseminated shingles, measles). A seal-check must be done each time an N95 respirator is worn.</li> <li>Apply N95 respirators before entry to the residence and remove after exit</li> <li>Perform hand hygiene before putting on &amp; immediately after taking off N95 respirator</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Droplet Precautions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put on and take off PPE inside the client's residence</li> <li>Maintain a minimum 2m (6 feet) distance from the client while putting on and removing PPE</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Contact Precautions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put on and take off PPE as per Point of Care Risk Assessment</li> </ul> <p>Note precautions may be used in conjunction for organisms that transmit by more than one route (e.g., Droplet and Contact Precautions or Airborne and Contact Precautions). Refer to the <a href="#">VCH IPAC Diseases and Conditions Table</a>.</p>		