

Routine Practices

Did You Know?

- **The term “Routine Practices” emphasizes** the standard level of care to be used by health care workers with all clients, patients, residents during all care to prevent and control transmission of microorganisms in health care settings.
- **It is based on the premise that** all clients, patients, residents are potentially infectious, even when they have no symptoms and the same safe standards of practice should be used routinely with all clients, patients, residents to prevent exposure to blood and body fluids to prevent the spread of microorganisms.

Routine Practices include:

- Risk Assessment
- Hand Hygiene
- Environmental Controls
 - Appropriate placement and bed spacing
 - Cleaning of equipment
 - Cleaning of the health care environment
 - Engineering controls (such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning)
 - Point of care sharps containers, hand hygiene product dispensers and hand washing sinks
- Administrative Controls
 - Policies and procedures
 - Staff education
 - Healthy workplace policies
 - Immunization programs
 - Respiratory etiquette
 - Monitoring of compliance with feedback
 - Sufficient staff levels
- Appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment