

Question 1

You are informed that Mrs. Touch is on Contact Precautions. What action(s) do you need to take? Select the correct answer by inserting a “✓” in the box. Select all that apply.

- A. Flag Mrs. Touch’s client record.
- B. Put on a gown based on your risk assessment.
- C. Wear gloves to provide direct care.
- D. Wear gloves when entering the home.

Question 2

Which statement(s) about the initiation and discontinuation of Droplet-Contact Precautions is/are correct? Select the correct answer by inserting a “✓” in the box. Select all that apply.

- A. Initiate Droplet-Contact Precautions as soon as symptoms of a respiratory infection are observed.
- B. Initiate precautions upon receipt of positive laboratory results.
- C. Discontinue precautions after 2 days.
- D. Discontinue precautions based on client’s symptoms and your organization policy.

Question 3

Mr. Glum has suddenly developed vomiting and diarrhea. Everybody else in his home has had the same symptoms. Which strategies would help prevent the possible transmission of infectious agents? Insert a “✓” to indicate your choice.

- A. Use Contact Precautions when providing care for Mr. Glum.
- B. Teach family members how and when to perform hand hygiene.
- C. Restrict Mr. Glum to his room and ask family members not to go in there.
- D. Arrange to transfer Mr. Glum to the hospital.

Question 4

You go to Mrs. Star’s home to do a dressing. Her chart has been flagged that she is on Droplet-Contact Precautions. What personal protective equipment (PPE) do you need to wear to perform the following tasks? Select the appropriate PPE by inserting a “✓”.

	Gown	Gloves	Mask	Eye Protection	No PPE
Greet Mrs. Star’s daughter at the front door.					✓
Sit close to Mrs. Star to do health teaching.			✓	✓	
Change Mrs. Star’s wound dressing.	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Question 5

Mr. Sky's chart is flagged. He is on Contact Precautions for a gastrointestinal infection. When you visit, you find his condition has worsened. You call 911. Select the action by inserting a "✓". Select all that apply.

- A. Inform the ambulance dispatch that Mr. Sky is on Contact Precautions.
- B. Wear a gown and gloves to talk to Mr. Sky to get more health care information.
- C. Wear a gown and gloves when assisting Mr. Sky onto the ambulance stretcher.

Additional Feedback

Question 1

Whenever a patient/client is on Contact Precautions, a flag on the client record is needed. In the home, the flag needs to be on the paper record. The information also needs to be communicated to other service providers. Wear gloves and a gown for direct care.

Question 2

Droplet-Contact Precautions need to be initiated as soon as symptoms are identified. Do not wait for laboratory results. Discontinue precautions based on client's symptom and the policy of your organization. Discussion with an infection control professional or designate may be necessary.

Question 3

Use Contact Precautions while Mr. Glum is symptomatic with vomiting and diarrhea. Teaching his family members when and how to clean their hands will help protect them from possible infection. It is not necessary to restrict Mr. Glum to his room or restrict family members. Mr. Glum does not need to be transferred to the hospital unless his condition worsens.

Question 4

When you greet Mrs. Star's daughter at the front door, you don't need to wear personal protective equipment because she does not have respiratory symptoms. To do health teaching with Mrs. Star, you will be within two metres of Mrs. Star so you need to wear a mask and eye protection. You need to wear a gown, gloves, mask and eye protection when changing Mrs. Star's wound dressing because you are providing direct care and are within two metres of Mrs. Star.

Question 5

It is important to communicate to other agencies or departments whenever Additional Precautions are required. When talking with Mr. Sky you do not have direct contact with him. No personal protective equipment is needed. Assisting Mr. Sky onto the stretcher is direct contact, so you need to wear a gown and gloves.