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* = Paediatric precautions	apply to children who are	incontinent or too	immature to	comply with hygiene	'
RP = Routine Practices					
ABSCESS	Minor	RP	No		If community-associated MRSA is suspected, use
	Major (drainage not contained by dressing)	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of uncontained drainage.	Contact Precautions until ruled out.
ADENOVIRUS	Conjunctivitis	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions	May cohort patients in
INFECTION	Pneumonia	Droplet + Contact	Yes	for duration of symptoms.	outbreaks.
AIDS	See HIV				
AMOEBIASIS	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
(Dysentery) Entamoeba histolytica	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes		
ANTHRAX Bacillus anthracis	Cutaneous or pulmonary	RP	No		Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT ORGANISMS (AROs) - not listed elsewhere		Contact may be indicated	May be indicated	Precautions, if required, are initiated and discontinued by Infection Control.	See also listings under MRSA, VRE, ESBL and CPE.
ARTHROPOD-BORNE VIRAL INFECTIONS  Eastern, Western, & Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis; St. Louis & California encephalitis; West		RP	No		Reportable Disease  No person-to-person transmission.
Nile virus  ASCARIASIS (Roundworm)  Ascaris lumbricoides		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
ASPERGILLOSIS Aspergillus species		RP	No		If several cases occur in close proximity, look for environmental source.
BABESIOSIS		RP	No		Tick-borne. Not transmitted from person- to-person except by transfusion.
BLASTOMYCOSIS Blastomyces dermatitidis	Cutaneous or pulmonary	RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
BOTULISM	See Food Poisoning/Food-l	borne Illness			
BRONCHITIS/	See Respiratory Infections				







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BRONCHIOLITIS					
BRUCELLOSIS		RP	No		Reportable Disease
(Undulant fever)					No person-to-person
					transmission  If lesions present, see
					Abscess
CAMPYLOBACTER	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
	Paediatric* and	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions	Notify Infection Control
	incontinent or non- compliant adult			until stools are formed.	
CARBAPENEMASE-	See Enterobacteriaceae, R	esistant			
PRODUCING					
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE (CPE)		Las	T		1
CAT-SCRATCH FEVER Bartonella henselae		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
CELLULITIS,	See Abscess				
with drainage					
CELLULITIS	Child < 5 years of age if Haemophilus influenzae	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions until 24 hours of	
	type B is present or			appropriate	
	suspected			antimicrobial therapy or until <i>H. influenzae</i> type	
				B is ruled out.	
CHANCROID		RP	No		Reportable Disease
Haemophilus ducreyi					
CHICKENPOX	See Varicella				
CHLAMYDIA	Chlamydia trachomatis	RP	No		Reportable Disease
	genital infection or lymphogranuloma				
	venereum				
	Chlamydia pneumonia,	RP	No		
	psittaci				
CHOLERA	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
Vibrio cholera	Paediatric* and	Contact	Yes		Notify Infection Control
	incontinent or non- compliant adult				
CLOSTRIDIUM	- Sp.ia.ic addic	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions	Outbreaks Reportable
DIFFICILE		Contact	162	until formed stool for at	Notify Infection Control
Dit HOLL				least two consecutive	Laboratory-confirmed
				days.	cases may be cohorted.
COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS	Draining lesions or	RP	No		No person-to-person
(Valley Fever)	pneumonia				transmission.
COMMON COLD		Droplet +	Yes	Continue precautions	
				for duration of	







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Rhinovirus		Contact		symptoms.	
CONGENITAL RUBELLA	See Rubella		T		
CONJUNCTIVITIS		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until viral aetiology ruled out or for duration of symptoms.	
COXSACKIEVIRUS	See Enteroviral Infections				
CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE (CJD)		RP	No		Reportable Disease. Notify Infection Control. Equipment in contact with infectious material requires special handling & disinfection practices.
CROUP		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness or until infectious cause ruled out.	
CRYPTOCOCCOSIS  Cryptococcus neoformans		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes		Notify Infection Control
CYSTICERCOSIS		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV)		RP	No		Reportable Disease if congenital  Transmitted by close, direct personal contact, blood transfusions or transplants.
DECUBITUS ULCER, infected	See Abscess				
DENGUE	See Arthropod-borne viral	infections			
DERMATITIS		RP	Yes, if extensive		If compatible with scabies, see <i>Scabies</i>
DIARRHEA	Acute infectious	See Gastroenteritis	s		
	Suspected <i>C. difficile</i> diarrhea	See Clostridium dif	ficile		
<b>DIPHTHERIA</b> Corynebacterium diphtheriae	Pharyngeal	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions until two appropriate	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control





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RP = Routine Practices					
	Cutaneous	Contact	Yes	cultures taken at least 24 hours apart after cessation of antibiotics are negative for <i>C. diphtheriae.</i>	
EBOLA VIRUS	See Haemorrhagic Fev	vers .			
ECHINOCOCCOSIS		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
ECHOVIRUS DISEASE	See Enteroviral Infect	ions			
EHRLICHIOSIS  Ehrlichia chaffeensis		RP	No		Tick-borne
ENCEPHALITIS	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
	Paediatric*	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until Enterovirus is ruled out.	
ENTEROBACTERIACEAE- RESISTANT Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of hospitalization	Notify Infection Control If readmitted, use Contact precautions
Extended-spectrum Beta- lactamase producing Enterobacteriaceae (ESBL)		Contact may be indicated	May be indicated	Precautions, if indicated, are initiated and discontinued by Infection Control	Notify Infection Control
ENTEROBIASIS (Pinworm disease) Enterobius vermicularis		RP	No		Transmission is faecal-oral directly or indirectly through contaminated articles e.g., bedding.
ENTEROCOLITIS	See Gastroenteritis - I	Necrotizing Enterocolitis			
ENTEROVIRAL	Adult	RP	No		
INFECTIONS (Coxsackie viruses, Echo viruses)	Paediatric*	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness.	
EPIGLOTTITIS, due to Haemophilus	Adult	RP	No		Type B is Reportable Disease.
influenzae Type B	Paediatric*	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for 24 hours after start of effective therapy.	Notify Infection Control
EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS (Infectious Mononucleosis)		RP	No		Transmitted via intimate contact with oral secretions or articles contaminated by them.
ERYSIPELAS	See Streptococcal Disc	ease			
ERYTHEMA INFECTIOSUM (Parvovirus B19)	Aplastic crisis	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of hospitalization with	







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				immunocompromised persons, or 7 days with others.	
	Fifth disease	RP	No		No longer infectious by the time rash appears.
ESCHERICHIA COLI	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
О157:Н7	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until stools are formed.	Notify Infection Control
EXTENDED SPECTRUM BETA- LACTAMASE-PRODUCING ENTEROBACTERIACEAE (ESBL)	See Enterobacteriaceae, Ro	esistant		•	
FIFTH DISEASE	See Erythema Infectiosum				
FOOD POISONING/ FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS	Clostridium botulinum (Botulism)	RP	No		Reportable Disease  No person-to-person transmission.
	Clostridium perfringens	RP	No		
	Salmonella or Escherichia coli O157:H7 in paediatric or incontinent adult if stool cannot be contained	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until Salmonellosis or <i>E. coli</i> 0157:H7 are ruled out.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
	Other causes	RP	No		
FRANCISELLA TULARENSIS	See Tularemia				
FURUNCULOSIS Staphylococcus aureus	See Abscess				
GANGRENE	Gas gangrene due to any bacteria	RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
GASTROENTERITIS	Acute infectious	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until <i>C.difficile</i> and norovirus or other viral agents ruled out.	Outbreaks are reportable Notify Infection Control See specific organism if identified.
	Paediatric* and incontinent/non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness.	
GERMAN MEASLES	See Rubella				
GIARDIASIS	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
Giardia lamblia	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until stools are formed	







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GONORRHEA Neisseria gonorrhoeae		RP	No		Reportable Disease Sexual transmission.
GRANULOMA INGUINALE		RP	No		Sexual transmission.
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B	Pneumonia - adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease if invasive
	Pneumonia – paediatric*	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions until 24 hours after effective treatment	
	Meningitis	See Meningitis			
HAND, FOOT, & MOUTH DISEASE	See Enteroviral Infection				
HANTAVIRUS PULMONARY		RP	No		Reportable Disease
SYNDROME					No person-to-person transmission.
HANSEN'S DISEASE	See Leprosy				
HAEMORRHAGIC FEVERS (e.g., Lassa, Ebola, Marburg)		Droplet + Contact Airborne if pneumonia	Yes, with negative air flow, door closed if pneumoni a	Continue precautions until symptoms resolve	Notify Public Health immediately Notify Infection Control immediately
HEPATITIS, VIRAL	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
Hepatitis A & E	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes	Duration of precautions: < 3years: duration of hospital stay > 3years: one week from symptoms onset	
Hepatitis B & C (including Delta)		RP	No		Reportable Disease Report to Occupational Health if health care provider has percutaneous or mucous membrane exposure
HERPANGINA	See Enterovirus				
HERPES SIMPLEX	Encephalitis	RP	No		Reportable Disease
	Mucocutaneous - recurrent	RP	No		Gloves for contact with lesions.







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	Disseminated/ severe	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until lesions crusted and dry.	
	Neonatal infection, and infants born to mothers with active genital herpes until neonatal infection ruled out	Contact		Continue precautions for duration of symptoms	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
HISTOPLASMOSIS Histoplasma capsulatum		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
HIV		RP	No		Reportable Disease Report to Occupational Health if health care provider has percutaneous or mucous membrane exposure
HOOKWORM DISEASE		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
(Ancylostomiasis)					transmission.
HUMAN HERPESVIRUS 6 (Roseola)	See Roseola				
IMPETIGO	See Abscess				
INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS	See Epstein-Barr virus	_			
INFLUENZA (seasonal)		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for 5 days after onset of illness.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
KAWASAKI SYNDROME		RP	No		
LASSA FEVER	See Haemorrhagic Fevers				
LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE Legionella pneumophila		RP	No		Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control No person-to-person transmission.
LEPROSY (Hansen's disease) Mycobacterium leprae		RP	No		Reportable Disease
<b>LEPTOSPIROSIS</b> <i>Leptospira</i> sp.		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
LICE	See Pediculosis				
LISTERIOSIS Listeria monocytogenes		RP	No		Reportable Disease
LYME DISEASE		RP	No		Reportable Disease







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Borrelia burgdorferi					No person-to-person transmission.
LYMPHOCYTIC CHORIOMENINGITIS		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
(Aseptic meningitis)					
LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENEREUM	See Chlamydia trachomat	is			
MALARIA		RP	No		Reportable Disease
Plasmodium species					No person-to-person transmission, except by blood transfusion.
MARBURG VIRUS	See Haemorrhagic Fevers				
MEASLES (Rubeola)		Airborne	Yes, with negative air flow, door closed	Continue precautions for four days after start of rash, and for duration of illness in immunocompromised patients.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control. Only immune staff should enter the room.
MENINGITIS	Aetiology unknown - adult	Droplet	Yes		Reportable Disease
	Aetiology unknown – paediatric*	Droplet + Contact	Yes		
	Haemophilus influenzae type B - adult	RP	No		
	Haemophilus influenzae type B – paediatric*	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for 24 hours after start of effective therapy.	
	Meningococcal (Neisseria meningitidis)	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for 24 hours after start of effective therapy.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
	Other bacterial	RP	No		Reportable Disease See listings by bacterial type.
	Viral - adult ("aseptic")	RP	No		Reportable Disease See also Enteroviral
	Viral - paediatric*	Contact	Yes		
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE Neisseria meningitidis		Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for 24 hours after start of effective therapy.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
MRSA Methicillin-resistant		Contact (+ Droplet if in	Yes	Continue precautions until discontinued by	







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Staphylococcus aureus		sputum and coughing)		Infection Control.	
MUMPS (Infectious parotitis)		Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for five days after onset of swelling.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
MYCOBACTERIA  Nontuberculosis, atypical eg., Mycobacterium avium		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission.
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS	See Tuberculosis				
MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIA		Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness.	
NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS		RP	No		Cohorting ill infants + Contact Precautions may be indicated for clusters/outbreaks. Unknown if transmissible.
NECROTIZING FASCIITIS	See Streptococcal Disea	ase, Group A		•	
NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS	See Meningococcal Dis	ease			
NOROVIRUS		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until 48 hours after resolution of symptoms.	Outbreaks Reportable Notify Infection Control
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	See Conjunctivitis				
PARAINFLUENZA VIRUS		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of symptoms.	Cohorting may be necessary during outbreaks.
PARATYPHOID FEVER Salmonella paratyphi		RP	No		Reportable Disease
PARVOVIRUS B19	See Erythema Infectios	um			
PEDICULOSIS (Lice)		RP, plus gloves for direct patient contact	No	Continue precautions for 24 hours after application of pediculicide.	
PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough) Bordetella pertussis		Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for five days after start of treatment or three weeks if not treated.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
PINWORMS	See Enterobiasis				
PLAGUE	Pneumonic	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions	Reportable Disease







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Yersinia pestis	Bubonic	RP	No	for 48 hours of effective therapy.	Notify Infection Control
PLEURODYNIA	See Enteroviral Infection	1			
PNEUMONIA Aetiology unknown		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until aetiology established or clinical improvement on empiric therapy	
POLIOMYELITIS		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for 6 weeks after onset of illness	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
PSEUDOMEMBRANOUS COLITIS	See Clostridium difficile				
PSITTACOSIS (Ornithosis) Chlamydia psittaci	See Chlamydia				
PHARYNGITIS	Adult	RP	No		
	Paediatric*	Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness, or 24 hours of effective therapy if Group A streptococcus	
<b>Q FEVER</b> Coxiella burnetii		RP	No		Reportable Disease  No person-to-person transmission
RABIES Rhabdovirus		RP	No		Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control Person-to-person transmission not documented except via corneal transplantation. Open wound/mucous membrane exposure to saliva of a patient should be considered for prophylaxis
RESISTANT ORGANISMS	See Antibiotic-Resistant	Organisms		<b>'</b>	







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RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, acute febrile		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until symptoms improve or infectious cause identified.	See specific organism, if identified.
RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV)		Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of illness.	
REYE'S SYNDROME		RP	No		May be associated with viral infection.
RHEUMATIC FEVER		RP	No		Complication of a Group A streptococcal infection.
RHINOVIRUS	See Common Cold				
RINGWORM	See Tinea				
ROSEOLA INFANTUM (Exanthem Subitum, Sixth disease, HHV6)		RP	No		Transmission requires close, direct personal contact.
ROTAVIRUS		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until formed stool.	
ROUNDWORM	See Ascariasis				
RUBELLA (German Measles)	Acquired	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions for seven days after onset of rash.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control Only immune staff should
	Congenital	Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for one year after birth, unless urine and nasopharyngeal cultures done after three months of age are negative.	provide care.  Pregnant health care providers should <u>not</u> provide care regardless of immune status.
SALMONELLOSIS	Adult	RP	No		Reportable Disease
Salmonella species	Paediatric* and incontinent or non-compliant adult	Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until formed stool.	Notify Infection Control
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS) or Acute Respiratory Illness with travel to a high risk		Droplet + Contact N95 respirator for aerosol- generating	Yes	Continue precautions 10 days following resolution of fever if respiratory symptoms have also resolved.	Reportable Disease Notify Public Health immediately Notify Infection Control immediately
geographical area		procedures			
•	Limited, 'typical'	RP, gloves for skin contact	No	Continue precautions until 24 hours after application of scabicide.	







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SCALDED SKIN SYNDROME	See Abscess, major						
SHIGELLOSIS Shigella species	See Gastroenteritis						
SHINGLES	See Varicella Zoster						
SMALLPOX	See Variola						
STAPHYLOCOCCAL DISEASE	Food poisoning See Food Poisoning/Food-borne Illness						
Staphylococcus aureus	Skin, wound, or burn infection	See Abscess					
	Pneumonia - adult	RP	No				
	Pneumonia – paediatric*	Droplet	Yes	Continue precautions until 24 hours of effective therapy.			
	Toxic shock syndrome (TSS)	RP	No				
STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE Group A Streptococcus	Skin, wound or burn infection, including necrotizing fasciitis	Droplet + Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until 24 hours of effective treatment.	Reportable Disease if invasive  Notify Infection Control		
	Toxic shock-like syndrome (TSLS)	Droplet + Contact	Yes		,		
	Pneumonia	Droplet	Yes				
	Pharyngitis/scarlet fever – paediatric*	Droplet	Yes				
	Endometritis (Puerperal Sepsis)	RP	No				
	Pharyngitis/ scarlet fever - adult	RP	No				
Group B Streptococcus	Neonatal	RP	No		Reportable Disease  Notify Infection Control		
Streptococcus pneumonia ('pneumococcus')		RP	No				
STRONGYLOIDIASIS Strongyloides stercoralis		RP	No		May cause disseminated disease in immunocompromised.		
SYPHILIS Treponema pallidum		RP, gloves for contact with skin lesions	No		Reportable Disease		
TAPEWORM DISEASE  Diphyllobothrium latum (fish)  Hymenolepis nana, Taenia saginata (beef)		RP	No		Autoinfection possible.		







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Taenia solium (pork)					
TETANUS		RP	No		Reportable disease
Clostridium tetani					No person-to-person transmission.
TINEA (Fungus infection dermatophytosis, dermatomycosis, ringworm)		RP	No		Thorough cleaning of bath and shower after use. No shared combs or brushes.
TOXOPLASMOSIS Toxoplasma gondii		RP	No		No person-to-person transmission except vertical.
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME	See Staphylococcal & Strep	otococcal Disease			
TRENCHMOUTH	See Vincent's angina				
TRICHINOSIS		RP	No		Reportable Disease
Trichinella spiralis					No person-to-person transmission.
TRICHOMONIASIS Trichomonas vaginalis		RP	No		Sexual transmission
TUBERCULOSIS  Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Extrapulmonary, no draining lesions	RP	No		Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control Assess for concurrent
	Extrapulmonary, draining lesions	Airborne	Yes, with negative air flow and door closed	Continue precautions until drainage ceased or three consecutive negative AFB smears.	pulmonary TB.
	Pulmonary - confirmed or suspected or laryngeal disease	Airborne	Yes, with negative air flow and door closed	Continue precautions until TB ruled out.  If confirmed, until patient has received two weeks of effective therapy, is improving clinically and has three consecutive sputum smears negative for AFB, collected 24 hours apart.  If multidrug-resistant TB, until culture negative.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control
	Skin-test positive with no evidence of current disease	RP	No		Latent tuberculous infection (LTBI).
TULAREMIA		RP	No		Reportable Disease







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Francisella tularensis					No person-to-person transmission.  Notify Microbiology laboratory if suspected, as aerosols from cultures are infectious.	
TYPHOID FEVER Salmonella typhi		RP	No		Reportable Disease	
TYPHUS Rickettsia species		RP	No		Transmitted through close personal contact, but not in absence of lice.	
URINARY TRACT INFECTION		RP	No			
VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCUS (VRE)	See VRE					
VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (VRSA)	See VRSA					
VARICELLA (Chickenpox)		Airborne	Yes, with negative air flow and door closed	Continue precautions until all vesicles have crusted and for at least five days.	Reportable Disease Notify Infection Control Neonates born to mothers with active varicella should be isolated at birth. Only immune staff should enter the room.	
VARICELLA ZOSTER (Shingles, Zoster) Herpes zoster	Immunocompromised patient, or disseminated	Airborne	Yes, with negative air flow and door closed	Continue precautions until all lesions have crusted and dried.	Notify Infection Control. Only immune staff should enter the room.	
	Localized in all other patients	RP	No		Roommates and staff must be immune to chickenpox.	
VARIOLA (Smallpox)		Airborne + Contact	Yes, with negative air flow and door closed	Continue precautions until all lesions have crusted and separated (3 to 4 weeks)	Report to Public Health immediately  Notify Infection Control immediately	
VIBRIO	See Gastroenteritis or Cholera					
VINCENT'S ANGINA (Trench mouth)		RP	No			







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VIRAL DISEASES - Respiratory (if not covered elsewhere)		Droplet + Contact	Yes		See also specific disease/organism.	
VRE Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions until discontinued by Infection Control.	Notify Infection Control	
VRSA Vancomycin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus		Contact	Yes	Continue precautions for duration of hospital stay.	Notify Infection Control	
WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)	See Arthropod-borne Viral Fevers					
WHOOPING COUGH	See Pertussis					
WOUND INFECTIONS	See Abscess					
YELLOW FEVER	See Arthropod-borne Viral Fevers					
YERSINIA ENTEROCOLITICA	See Gastroenteritis					
YERSINIA PESTIS	See Plague					
ZOSTER	See Herpes Zoster					