



Transmission-Based Precautions

	Standard Precautions	Enhanced Barrier Precautions	Contact Precautions	Droplet Precautions transmitted via close contact (3') droplets from cough, sneeze, talking Refer to CDC Appendix A .	Airborne Precautions small particle suspended in air and transmitted via airborne or dust particles
Clinical Situation	All residents.	Multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO), inserted devices, wounds.	Diarrhea, <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> (<i>C. diff</i>), scabies, active MDRO infection, uncontained drainage.	Upper respiratory infections: pertussis, mumps, norovirus, COVID-19, influenza.	Not usually kept in long-term care facility. Tuberculosis, measles, chickenpox, disseminated Zoster.
Room Preference	Any.	Any.	Private, or cohort with same.	Private, or cohort with same.	Private, negative air flow.
Hand Hygiene	Before entrance and at exit.	Before entrance, with any glove change and at exit.	Before entrance, with any glove change and at exit.	Before entrance, with any glove change and at exit.	Before entrance, with any glove change and at exit.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Gloves for potential exposure to blood, body fluids, contaminated items. Eye protection for splash protection.	Gloves, gowns for cares with resident contact. Eye protection for splash protection.	Gloves, gowns, and eye protection if potential splashes anticipated.	Mask, gloves, gowns. For COVID-19 wear N-95 and eye protection, gowns, gloves.	N-95 respirator, gloves, gowns
Resident Transport	No limits.	No limits.	Only when necessary; cover/contain infected areas.	Only for medically necessary purposes. Patient to wear mask.	Only for medically necessary purposes. Patient to wear special mask.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [Transmission Based Precautions](#) and [Appendix A of Isolation Precautions Guideline](#)