

Routine Practices with Additional Precautions Chart for Community-based Services

Risk of Transmission	Assessment of Individual	Placement and Precautions
LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No signs/symptoms of communicable diseases (e.g., fever, rash, diarrhea, cough) Cooperative, but may need prompting or assistance with hand hygiene, toileting practices, etc. Contained drainage of body fluids by wound care or incontinence products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine practices with prompting/assistance as needed
HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs/symptoms of communicable diseases (e.g., fever, rash, diarrhea, cough) Uncooperative, even with prompting or assistance (e.g., unable or unwilling to perform hand hygiene, change soiled dressings, incontinence products or clothes, etc.) Uncontained drainage of body fluids that regularly soil the environment Severe, non-intact skin conditions with shedding or flaking skin (e.g., extensive dermatitis or psoriasis) 	<p>Additional precautions required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider booking at end of day or during periods of low activity 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 Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and equipment following visit (two-step process) Maintain social distancing (2 meters separation) for droplet transmission risk; mask individual as required Keep door closed if the client has a suspected airborne disease. Client must wear procedure mask. Refer to Airborne Precautions document for more information. Keep door closed for aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMP) if client has suspected or confirmed influenza-like illness (ILI). See the Respiratory (ILI) Algorithm for a list of AGMP. For more information on additional precautions, see the Infection Prevention and Control Continuing Care Resource Manual information sheets and posters

[Airborne Precautions](#)

- N95 respirators are used with suspected or confirmed cases of airborne infections (e.g., tuberculosis, chicken pox, disseminated shingles, measles)
- Apply N95 respirators before entry to the residence and remove after exit
- Perform hand hygiene before putting on & immediately after taking off N95 respirator

[Droplet Precautions](#)

- Don and doff PPE inside the client's residence
- Maintain a minimum 2m (6 feet) distance from the client while donning or doffing

[Contact Precautions](#)

- Don and doff PPE as per [Point-of-Care Risk Assessment \(PCRA\)](#)