

# ISOLATION GUIDELINES

<b>Patient Management</b> Negative Pressure Rooms are:  <b>IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS</b> Illinois Poison Center 1-800-222-1222 Infection Control _____ - _____ ER _____ - _____ Local Health Department _____ - _____ USAMRIID 301-619-2833 The local health department will notify IDPH.	BACTERIAL AGENTS								VIRUSES				BIOLOGICAL TOXINS			
	Anthrax	Brucellosis	Cholera	Glanders	Bubonic Plague	Pneumonic Plague	Tularemia	Q Fever	Smallpox	Venez. Equine Encephalitis	Viral Encephalitis	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	Botulism	Ricin	T-2 Mycotoxins	Staph. Enterotoxin B
Standard Precautions for all aspects of patient care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Contact Precautions (gown & gloves; wash hands after each patient encounter)			X**	X*	X*			X			X				X*	
Airborne Precautions (negative pressure room & N95 masks for all individuals entering the room)								X			X**					
Droplet Precautions (surgical mask)						X					X**					
<b>Patient Placement</b>																
No restrictions	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Cohort 'like' patients when private room unavailable			X**	X*	X	X		X		X					X*	
Private Room			X**	X*	X*	X		X			X				X*	
Negative Pressure								X			X**					
Door closed at all times								X			X**					
<b>Patient Transport</b>																
No restrictions	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Limit movement to essential medical purposes only			X**	X*	X*	X		X			X				X*	
Place mask on patient to minimize dispersal of droplets						X		X			X**					
<b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>																
Routine cleaning of room with hospital-approved disinfectant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach solution or phenolic disinfectant											X					
Dedicated equipment (disinfect prior to leaving room)			X**	X*	X*			X			X				X*	
Linen management as with all other patients	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Linens autoclaved before laundering in hot water with bleach added								X								
<b>Post-mortem Care</b>																
Follow principles of Standard Precautions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Droplet Precautions (surgical mask)						X										
Contact Precautions (gown & gloves)				X*	X*			X			X				X*	
Avoid autopsy or use Airborne Precautions & HEPA filter						X		X			X**					
Routine terminal cleaning of room with hospital-approved disinfectant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach solution or phenolic disinfectant											X					
Minimal handling of body; deal body in leak-proof material											X					
Cremate body whenever possible								X								
<b>Discontinuation of Isolation</b>																
48 hrs. of appropriate antibiotic and clinical improvement						X										
Until all scabs separate								X								
Until skin decontamination completed (1 hr. contact time)															X	
Duration of illness			X**	X*	X*						X					
<b>STANDARD PRECAUTIONS</b> - Standard Precautions prevent direct contact with all body fluids (including blood), secretions, excretions, non-intact skin (including rashes) and mucous membranes. Standard Precautions routinely practiced by healthcare providers include: splash/spray, and gowns to protect skin and clothing during procedures.																

\* Contact precautions needed only if the patient has skin involvement (bubonic plague: draining bubo) or until decontamination of skin is complete (T-2 Mycotoxins).  
 \*\* A surgical mask and eye protection should be worn if you come within 3 feet of patient. Airborne precautions are needed if patient has cough, vomiting, diarrhea or hemorrhage.  
 \*\*\* Contact precautions needed only if the patient is diapered or incontinent.

**If you suspect a poisoning exposure from any bioterrorism agent, immediately contact your local county health department, and the Illinois Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222.**