

# Isolation Guidelines

<b>Patient Management</b> Negative Pressure Rooms are:  <b>IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:</b> Infectious Diseases _____ Infection Control _____ ER _____ USAMRIID 301-619-2833, CDC Emergency Response Office 770-488-7100	BACTERIAL AGENTS																		
	Anthrax	Brucellosis	Cholera	Glanders	Bubonic Plague	Pneumonic Plague	Tularemia	Q Fever	VIRUSES	Smallpox	Venez. Equine Encephalitis	Viral Encephalitis	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	BIOLOGICAL TOXINS	Botulism	Ricin	T-2 Mycotoxins	Staph. Enterotoxin B	
<b>Isolation Precautions</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 pt 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 or wash 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; seal body in leaf-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 (T2 Mycotoxins).																			
**A surgical mask and eye protection should be worn if you come within 3 feet of pt. Airborne precautions are needed if patient has cough, vomiting, diarrhea or hemorrhage.																			
*** Contact precautions needed only if the patient is diapered or incontinent																			