

## LTCH & RH: Surveillance & Management of Residents Colonized with Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococci (VRE)

Roommates

**Contact Management** 

Point Prevalence

#### Case Management

#### **Initiate Contact Precautions**

- After receipt of positive culture result OR
- Preemptively while awaiting results for residents who have risk factors for VRE:
  - See <u>ARO Risk Factor-Based Screening Guidance</u> for All Health Care Settings

#### Communication (Notification)

- Notify the IPAC lead, DOC or CRN
- Flag resident chart
- Post contact precautions sign on room door
- If case was transferred to or from another facility, notify that facility

#### Room Placement (Accommodation)

- Private room with dedicated equipment & toileting is preferred, when possible.
- If a private room is not available, avoid placing the colonized resident with a resident with open wounds, indwelling devices, uncontained excretions & secretions, poor personal or hand hygiene, immunocompromised or colonized with another ARO.
- Resident Movement: Isolation is not needed if there are no signs or symptoms of infection. Assist resident with performing frequent hand hygiene.

# Re-Screening & Discontinuing Contact Precautions

Ideally no re-screening.

Positive

Positive

 If re-screening to discontinue precautions, begin no sooner than 3 months after last positive culture.

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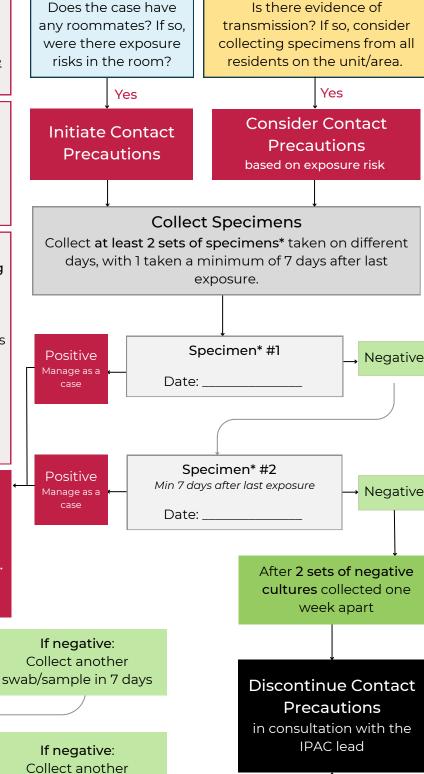
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Specimen\* #1

Specimen\* #2

Specimen\* #3

• To discontinue precautions: 3 negative cultures taken at least 1 week apart.



### \*Specimens

Positive

- Stool OR Rectal Swab
- Consult with your lab for more information about test kits and sample submissions.

## Environmental Cleaning<sup>3</sup>

swab/sample in 7 days

After 3 sets of negative

cultures collected one

week apart

- Routine cleaning & disinfection. Use fresh supplies.
- Dedicated equipment (preferred), if not possible clean & disinfect between residents.
- Twice daily cleaning of rooms may be considered.
- Rooms should be cleaned twice daily during an outbreak of VRE or at facilities with ongoing, uncontrolled VRE transmission.

Adapted with permission from HNHB IPAC Hub.

#### References

- PIDAC: Routine Practices and Additional Precautions Annex A: Screening, testing and Surveillance for antibiotic-resistant organisms (AROs), Annexed to: Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings, 2013
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