

Contact Precautions(CP)- Cleaning

Cleaning Information for Unit Clerks, Unit Aides, Charge Nurses and Housekeepers

When inpatients are placed on Contact Precautions, there are three categories of cleaning (based on reason Contact Precautions were put in place). The information below needs to be clearly communicated by the inpatient units to the Housekeepers in order for the proper daily and terminal cleaning to be done.

1. **Contact Clean:** a “regular” Contact Precautions clean and includes patients colonized or infected with MRSA (or if being tested for MRSA and results are not known prior to transfer or discharge). Also used for any other Contact Precautions indications except those listed below (VRE or Enteric).
 - 1.1. **Same techniques as old “MRSA clean”.**

2. **Enhanced Clean:** to be completed when a patient is infected or colonized with VRE (or if being tested for VRE and results are not known prior to transfer or discharge).
 - 2.1. **Same techniques as old “VRE clean”.**

3. **Enteric Clean:** to be completed when a patient has diarrhea.
 - 3.1. **Same techniques as old “Enteric Measures” clean.**

Questions may be referred to the Housekeeping Supervisor for your facility or Infection Prevention and Control.