

There are **BIG changes** coming to Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) protocols at Capital Health. On October 1, we are launching an updated Contact Precautions policy. The current **Infection Control flags in STAR will change** to reflect the terminology used in the policy. To help everyone get ready for the change; a chart detailing the new flags is located below. Please share it with registration clerks, ward clerks, and any other staff that require this information.

As a part of Capital Health's initiative to conserve paper usage, we took this opportunity to review all the documents that print with each alert. We found we were able to streamline the printed information. You will notice a decrease in the number of pages that print out with each alert. This will make the registration process easier for everyone!

Infection Prevention and Control ISOLATION ALERTS in STAR

ALERT	ADMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
MRSA Carrier	Contact precautions. Private room required .
MRSA Contact	Contact precautions. 1 set of MRSA swabs. No private room.
VRE Carrier	Contact precautions. Private room required .
VRE Contact	Contact precautions. 2 sets of VRE swabs 24 hours apart. No private room.
VRE Contact D	VRE discharge swab was missed. 1 VRE swab. NO contact precautions.
MRSA/VRE Carrier	Contact precautions. Private room required .
Infection Control Alert (other than MRSA/VRE)	Immediately call the Infection Prevention & Control Department. 473-2659 Contact Precautions. Private room required .