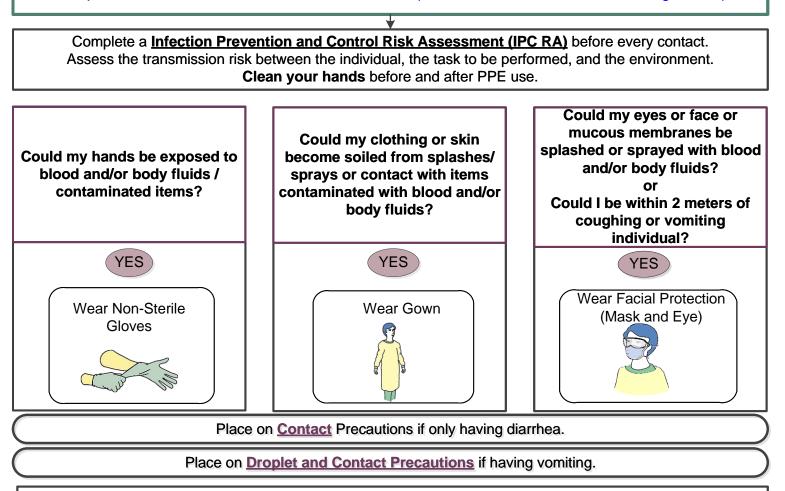
Gastrointestinal Illness in Continuing Care

Does the individual have **new** onset of **diarrhea** and/or **vomiting** not related to changes in medication or diet?

Look for two or more episodes of diarrhea and/or vomiting or one episode of vomiting and diarrhea in a 24 hr. period that is new or unusual for the individual <u>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page6421.aspx</u>



Focus on:

IPC RA – encourage everyone to think about contact with individual and choose appropriate personal protective equipment.

Hand hygiene - clean hands using soap and water, assist visitors with cleaning their hands.

Monitor and assess – others for symptoms and place on additional precautions and post outbreak signage. **Instructing visitors** – on good visiting practices such as hand hygiene, limiting number of individuals they visit, not visiting if they are unwell.

Increased frequency of cleaning & disinfection – of individuals room and washroom is essential during outbreaks.

Dedicate – washroom, commode and equipment to individual.

Contain - if individual is incontinent, implement measures to contain stool.

Refer to the Continuing Care Infection Prevention and Control Diseases and Conditions Table

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