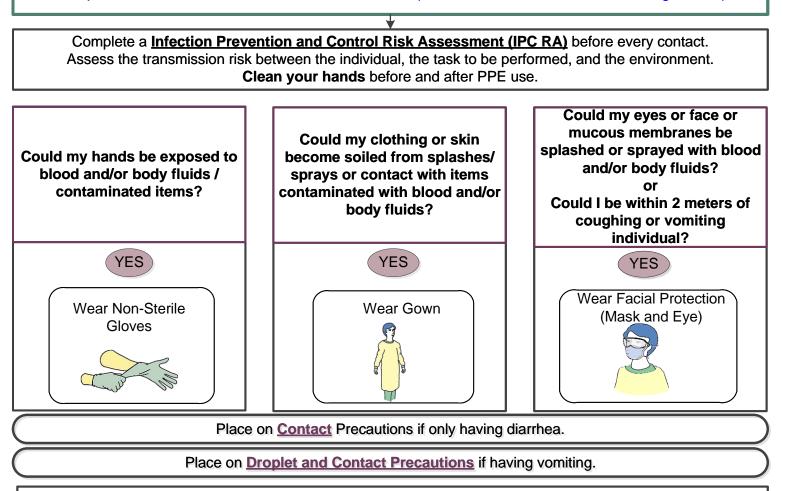
## **Gastrointestinal Illness in Continuing Care**

## 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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