

**NOTE: All Tier 1 Measures and responsibilities remain in place or are enhanced. Ensure all Tier 1 Measures are reviewed.**

Required Notifications			
Site ICP	IPC Director	Unit Manager/Designate	Site Manager/Patient Care Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Site Manager or Patient Care Director. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify IPC Director and Clinical Practice Lead and arrange a cluster meeting with management, Nursing, ES and Pharmacy. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Unit Manager or Designate.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify IPC Senior Operating Officer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify unit staff and implement Tier 2 Measures. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify ES that unit requires Tier 2 Measures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify all departments in the facility about the cluster including specific communication to ER and other units. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Physician Group. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Bed Management Team (if available).

Roles and Responsibilities Checklist			
Infection Control Professional (ICP)	Unit Manager/Designate	Environmental Services (ES)	Patient Nurse
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow responsibilities as outlined in Tier 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Travel onsite to consult with unit manager, ES and nursing to review and ensure Tier 1 and 2 Measures are implemented. <input type="checkbox"/> Review unit practices (e.g. storage and handling of waste, linen and supplies; adherence to hand hygiene and routine practices). <input type="checkbox"/> Assists with appropriate patient placement and provide guidance on patient cohorting. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Human Waste Management Assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a chronological list of cases and consult with clinical coordinator or director.	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow responsibilities as outlined in Tier 1. <input type="checkbox"/> As much as possible, assign staff to CDI and non-CDI patients separately. <b>Note:</b> If not possible, staff should provide care to non-CDI patients first. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimize patient transfers unless medically necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Before transfer:</b> notify receiving healthcare facility, unit or department that patient is from a unit with a CDI cluster. <input type="checkbox"/> At daily shift report, remind staff of <a href="#">additional precautions requirements</a> , hand hygiene practices and PPE compliance. (See back of page for web link). Consider requesting a hand hygiene and PPE review from IPC. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider increasing access to additional hand hygiene sinks for visitors, staff and physicians coming onto and leaving the unit (e.g. repurposing the staff bathroom, mobile alcohol based hand rub stations, etc.). <input type="checkbox"/> Restrict Patient Nutrition Centers to staff only. <input type="checkbox"/> Request a Cleanliness Audit from ES management. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider adding volunteer support to assist with communication and visitor training about proper hand hygiene and PPE use while on the unit.	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow responsibilities as outlined in Tier 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicate cleaning carts to the affected areas and/or to the CDI patient rooms. <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces twice within a 24 hour period (e.g. hand rails, nursing unit and common/ shared areas within the unit). <input type="checkbox"/> Assign additional staff to the unit. <input type="checkbox"/> Follow protocol for cleaning and disinfecting commodes (see back of page for Insite location). <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Cleanliness Audit in consultation with the unit manager.	<input type="checkbox"/> Follow responsibilities as outlined in Tier 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor patients for new CDI cases. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure cart used for daily rounds is cleared of supplies, cleaned, disinfected and restocked every day. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide patients with CDI and their families with <a href="#">CDI information handouts</a> (see back of page for web link).
			<b>Patient Education (Nurse)</b>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Follow responsibilities as outlined in Tier 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Patient should only leave the room or bed space for essential purposes and treatment (PT, DI, etc.).

Removal of Precautions and Discharge (Patient Nurse)	Pharmacy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact Precautions may be discontinued in consultation with IPC after symptoms have stopped for <b>48hrs</b> and patient has had <b>at least one normal or formed stool</b>.</li> <li>▪ A negative CDI test is not required to discontinue Contact Precautions.</li> <li>▪ When precautions are lifted ask ES to perform a Discharge/Transfer Isolation Clean of the room.</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Patients discharged while on vancomycin taper require the physician to submit a <a href="#">Special Authorization Form</a> so the patient is able to fill the prescription at the community pharmacy (consult Pharmacy).	<input type="checkbox"/> Review medication management of cases (antibiotics, antimicrobial therapy, acid reducing agents, promotility agents and antidiarrheals). <input type="checkbox"/> Provide patient medication teaching on new and existing medications.

#### Links to Reference Materials

- Additional Precautions Information Sheets (page 2 of the IPC Resource Manual): <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/ipc/hi-ipc-resource-manual-main-document.pdf>
- Cleaning and disinfecting commodes: Insite; Our Teams / Departments > Linen & Environmental Services > Standards & Guidelines > Environmental Services Standards, Guidelines & Protocols
- CDI information handouts: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page9958.aspx>
- Special Authorization Form: <https://idbl.ab.bluecross.ca/idbl/PDFS/60014.pdf>