

In ideal situations all isolation patients are assigned a private room. When this is not possible private rooms should be **prioritized** in the following order:

	ARO or Organism	Additional Precautions	Room placement guidelines
1	Tuberculosis, chicken pox, shingles, measles (query or confirmed)	Airborne	Private negative pressure room required
2	Severe acute respiratory illness with travel history	Contact & Droplet	Private room required. Contact IPC for further direction
3	Influenza-like illness	Contact & Droplet	Private room recommended. If <u>none</u> available a. <b>Confirmed influenza</b> of the same type may be cohorted b. Patients with ILI from the <b>same outbreak</b> facility may be cohorted
4	Carbapenemase producing organism (CPO)	Contact	Private room required. Contact IPC if not available.
5	<i>Clostridium difficile</i> <b>WITH</b> active diarrhea (query or confirmed)	Contact	Private room recommended. If unavailable, initiate isolation without walls and contact IPC
6	Gastrointestinal (GI) symptomatic patient	Contact or Contact & Droplet	Private room recommended. If unavailable, cohort with positive lab confirmed cases with the same organism. Add droplet if patient vomiting.
7	MRSA (infected or colonized)	Contact	Private room recommended. Cohort with another lab confirmed MRSA patient
8	History of hospitalization outside Canada in last 6 months	Contact	Private room recommended. If unavailable, initiate isolation without walls and contact IPC
9	VRE (infected AND uncontained)	Contact	Cohort with another lab confirmed VRE patient
10	VRE (colonized OR infected and contained)	Contact	Cohort with another lab confirmed VRE patient or can be in shared accommodation* if isolation without walls is in place.
11	ESBL (active infection)	Contact	Can be in shared accommodation* if isolation without walls is in place.

\*Shared accommodations acceptable **IF** their roommate is not immunocompromised **AND** does not have any indwelling devices (excluding urinary catheters) **AND** has good hygiene practices.

**Isolation without walls:** Treat each bed space as a private room. Do not share washroom. Strict adherence to IPC point of care risk assessment, hand hygiene, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and appropriate environmental cleaning is required.

To determine appropriate isolation precautions refer to the IPC resource manual <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/ipc/hi-ipc-resource-manual-main-document.pdf>

Please continue to contact Infection Prevention & Control during business hours (0800 – 1630, Monday – Friday) with any questions about cohorting, isolating without walls or room transfers.