





# Suspect/Confirmed Hemorrhagic Fever VHF (Ebola) Contact and Droplet Precautions




in addition to Routine Practices

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) & Workplace Health and Safety (WHS)

	<h2>Accommodation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single room and dedicated bathroom is required.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Contact and Droplet Precautions</a> sign visible on entry to room.</li> <li>• Room door to remain closed to limit access to room.</li> <li>• Maintain a log of all persons who enter the room.</li> </ul>
	<h2>Hand Hygiene</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform <a href="#">hand hygiene</a> using alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) or soap and water as described in <a href="#">Routine Practices</a>.</li> <li>• Use plain soap and water when:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ hands are visibly soiled;</li> <li>○ caring for patients<sup>1</sup> with diarrhea and/or vomiting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Perform <a href="#">hand hygiene</a>:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ before accessing clean PPE from the supply cart as outlined in <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<h2>Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)</h2> <p>PPE is required before contact with the suspect/confirmed patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note any possible contact you may have with blood or body fluids (e.g. coughing, bleeding, runny nose, or soiled clothing, equipment or environment);</li> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a> for appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) before providing care.</li> </ul>
	<h2>Personal Protective Equipment</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a> for details on donning and careful removal and disposal of PPE.</li> <li>• A PPE Buddy staff member will support and assist with correct PPE</li> <li>• <b>Donning Personal Protective Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Gown Donning for Suspected/Confirmed VHF (Ebola)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Coveralls Donning for Suspected/Confirmed VHF (Ebola)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Doffing Personal Protective Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Gown Doffing for Suspected/Confirmed VHF (Ebola)</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Coveralls Doffing for Suspected/Confirmed VHF (Ebola)</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Buddy PPE</b> is only be utilized for assisting healthcare provider (HCP) and not to perform patient care.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Buddy Donning</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Buddy Doffing</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<h3>Handling Patient Care Items and Equipment</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use disposable patient equipment when possible.</li> <li>• Dedicate re-useable equipment for a single patient use only, until discharge (e.g. thermometers, blood pressure equipment).</li> <li>• If reusable equipment cannot be dedicated for a single patient use, clean and disinfect it in consultation with IPC before it leaves the room.</li> <li>• Used cutlery meal and beverage dishes are to be discarded in biomedical waste after use. Use disposable dishes and utensils where available.</li> <li>• Handle soiled or used linens with minimal agitation and place directly in biomedical waste containers. All soiled linens will be disposed of as biomedical waste.</li> <li>• Any toys, electronics, books or other personal items must remain in the patient room.</li> <li>• After patients are discharged, discard all disposable equipment in biomedical waste containers. All critical, semi-critical and non-critical reusable equipment may only be removed from the room after consultation with AHS IPC.</li> </ul>
	<h3>Patient Transfer</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients to leave the room for essential purposes only. Notify receiving department of patient status and requirement for Ebola precautions.</li> <li>• Transport staff must perform <a href="#">Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)</a>.</li> <li>• See <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a></li> <li>• Wear PPE during transport and remove PPE immediately after transport is complete. Ensure transport takes place in a manner that minimizes patient contact with other persons.</li> <li>• Patient must clean hands, wear a clean gown (or sheet/blanket) and wear surgical/procedure mask for any transport out of room.</li> </ul>
	<h3>Environmental Cleaning</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a> prior to cleaning the room.</li> <li>• Cleaning equipment is to be dedicated to the room.</li> <li>• Room surfaces and equipment cleaning/disinfection is required on a twice daily basis or more frequently if directed by IPC using AHS approved disinfectants containing bleach (sodium hypochlorite) or hydrogen peroxide. Follow Environmental Services (ES) <a href="#">Protocol Occupied Patient Cubicle (Isolation)</a>. Discard all used cleaning cloths and mop heads in the biomedical waste container in room.</li> <li>• After discharge, isolation room will be cleaned using ES <a href="#">Discharge – Transfer Isolation protocol</a>.</li> <li>• Replace privacy curtains.</li> </ul>

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	<h3>Visitors</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visitors must follow <a href="#">PPE Requirements for Suspect/Confirmed VHF (Ebola) Virus Disease</a> if they enter the room.</li><li>• Keep the number of visitors to a minimum.</li></ul>
	<h3>Waste and Sharps Handling</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient room shall contain dedicated biomedical waste containers.</li><li>• All waste is to be discarded in biomedical waste containers in room.</li><li>• Dispose of sharps immediately after use in a puncture-proof, biohazard container.</li><li>• Do not overfill waste or sharps container.</li><li>• All waste containers removed from the room will be first disinfected with AHS approved disinfectants containing bleach (sodium hypochlorite) or hydrogen peroxide.</li><li>• Remember: New Needle, New Syringe, Every Time!</li></ul> <p>Follow <a href="#">VHF (Ebola) Waste Management Requirements</a>.</p>

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