



# EMPIRIC INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS

Syndrome	Infection Control Measures			
	Standard	Droplet	Contact	Airborne
Skin Lesion	X			
Pneumonia or Severe Respiratory Distress	X	X		
Severe Gastro-Intestinal Illness	X		X	
Afebrile Neurologic Illness	X			
Febrile Neurologic Illness	X	X		
Generalized Vesicular Rash	X		X	X*
Severe Hemorrhaging	X	X	X**	

\* N95 respirator for everyone if smallpox or monkey pox is a possibility; for chickenpox, only a surgical mask is required for those not immune to VZV  
 \*\* See Extreme Contact below

## SUMMARY OF INFECTION CONTROL PRECAUTIONS

Standard	Droplet	Contact	Extreme Contact	Airborne
<p><i>All body fluids are considered to be infectious</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gloves for touching body fluids or wounds</li> <li>Gown if clothes could be soiled by body fluids</li> <li>Mask and eye protection if splattering is possible</li> <li>Good handwashing frequently, including before and after glove use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mask and eye cover within 3 feet of the patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gloves for touching patient and environment</li> <li>Gown if clothes will touch patient or environment</li> </ul>	<p><i>For severe hemorrhaging as with suspected viral hemorrhagic fever</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Double gloving</li> <li>Impermeable gowns</li> <li>Leg protection</li> <li>Shoe protection</li> <li>Eye protection</li> <li>Mask appropriate to suspected agent</li> <li>N95 respirator if suspected viral hemorrhagic fever</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative pressure room</li> <li>Mask appropriate to suspected agent</li> <li>N95 mask for smallpox or monkey pox</li> <li>Surgical mask for chickenpox if not immune</li> </ul>

## MEASURES TO DECREASE PATIENT INFECTIVITY FOR TRANSPORT

If Patient is on Droplet or Airborne Precautions	If Patient is on Contact or Standard Precautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surgical mask on patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover skin lesions or draining wounds</li> </ul>