

## Giving Health a Helping Hand

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Dear Stakeholders:

As you know one of our projects this spring was to distribute a number of resources to our stakeholders in Long Term Care, including the Non-acute Care Pocket Guide developed by our sister network South East (SEOICN). Unfortunately errors were discovered in the booklet after we had shipped a number of them out.

We are enclosing stickers that contain the corrected information. Please apply these stickers to all of your facility copies of the Pocket Guide booklet as follows:

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<b>*MEASLES</b>	
<b>Additional Precautions:</b> AIRBORNE	<b>Mode of Transmission:</b> Airborne
<b>Infectious Material:</b> Respiratory secretions	<b>Duration of Additional Precautions:</b> 4 days after the start of rash Immunocompromised individual: duration of illness
<b>Signs &amp; Symptoms:</b> Fever, cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis, koplik spots (white spots on the inner lining of the mouth) and red blotchy rash	
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only immune staff should enter room</li> <li>• Notify infection control</li> </ul>	
<b>*Reportable Disease</b>	

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<b>SCABIES</b>	
<b>Practice / Additional Precautions:</b> ROUTINE for typical scabies, gloves for skin contact CONTACT for atypical (crusted / "Norwegian")	<b>Mode of Transmission:</b> Direct contact for typical scabies Indirect contact for atypical
<b>Infectious Material:</b> Infested skin	<b>Duration of Additional Precautions:</b> Until 24 hours after effective treatment. Consult your ICP regarding protocols in your facility or consult your local health unit or regional infection control network.
<b>Signs &amp; Symptoms:</b> Intense itching, reddish brown rash usually seen on finger webs, wrists, belt lines, axilla, buttocks, groin, genitals, elbow creases, knees	
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify infection control</li> </ul>	

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<b>*TUBERCULOSIS (TB)</b>	
<b>Additional Precautions:</b> +AIRBORNE: Confirmed or suspected pulmonary or laryngeal, or extra-pulmonary draining lesions	<b>Mode of Transmission:</b> Airborne
<b>Infectious Material:</b> Respiratory secretions	<b>Duration of Additional Precautions:</b> Until 2 weeks of effective antibiotic therapy, improving clinically and has 3 consecutive negative sputum smears collected at least 24 hours apart Multi drug-resistant Mycobacteria tuberculosis: until cultures negative
<b>Signs &amp; Symptoms:</b> Weight loss, fever, night sweats, pulmonary pain, cough, bloody expectoration, lesion on diagnostic imaging	

**Comments:**

- +Single room with door closed and fit tested N95 respirator required for room entry
- For extra-pulmonary tuberculosis: bone, kidney, joint infection, ~~and PPD~~, and PPD (purified protein derivative) reactive test with no evidence of current pulmonary disease use Routine Practices
- Avoid procedures that may generate aerosols
- Notify infection control

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Cross out the words, "draining lesions."

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please do not hesitate to contact your local RICN for further information at [www.ricn.on.ca](http://www.ricn.on.ca)