

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) and
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend that:

This patient should immediately be placed on **contact precautions**

This patient has been colonized or infected with *Candida auris*. *Candida auris* is a difficult to detect yeast that can cause life-threatening infections and has caused long-lasting outbreaks in healthcare facilities (HCFs). It is easily spread, hard to remove from the environment, and often very resistant to antifungal medications. Implementation of Transmission-Based Precautions is necessary to prevent outbreaks. Contact Precautions should be implemented by all HCFs, including long-term care facilities (LTCFs), as the primary option. LTCFs may be able to utilize Enhanced Barrier Precautions* for long-term management of these patients per CDC guidance and in consultation with the PDPH.

Contact Precautions and Recommendation Checklist:

- This patient should be placed in a **private room**, if possible.**
- Healthcare personnel interacting with patients on Contact Precautions, or their environment, are required to wear a **gown and gloves**, donning their PPE upon room entry and properly discarding before exiting
- Healthcare personnel should conduct diligent **hand hygiene** during and after contact with a *C. auris* patient or their environment; Ensure **alcohol-based hand rub** is readily available
- **Disposable or dedicated patient-care equipment** should be used whenever possible
- All **disinfection** should be completed with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **registered disinfectant effective against *Candida auris* or *Clostridium difficile***. Cleaning and disinfection should be performed according to the manufacturer's instructions for use. Examples include:
 - Shared **equipment should be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected after contact** with this patient (e.g. stethoscopes, X-ray machines, respiratory therapy equipment)
 - The **patient's room** should be cleaned/disinfected daily and terminally upon discharge
 - **Transport vehicles/equipment** should be terminally cleaned/disinfected after use
- Ensure written and verbal **communication** of isolation status for intra and inter-facility transfers

* More information on Enhanced Barrier Precautions can be found on CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/long-term-care-facilities/hcp/prevent-mdro/ppe.html> Enhanced barrier precautions should only be used in the place of contact precautions under consultation with PDPH.

** If a patient cannot be placed in a private room, ensure roommates are at low risk of developing *Candida* infections (e.g., no immunocompromising conditions, antifungal therapies, indwelling devices or open wounds), maintain separation of at least 3 feet, use privacy curtains to limit direct contact, clean/disinfect surfaces on a more frequent schedule, and have healthcare workers change PPE and perform hand hygiene when moving between roommates. Patients with *C. auris* who have uncontained secretions, excretions, acute diarrhea, or draining wounds should only be roomed with other *C. auris* patients

Patient Name/ID: _____

Completing facility: _____ Date completed: _____

This patient was identified to have *Candida auris*: (select one)

Infection

This infection has been treated (patient is likely to be colonized and should be maintained on contact precautions)

Treatment is ongoing

Colonization

This case status is: (select one)

Confirmed: *Candida auris* was isolated from a body site

Under investigation: Laboratory results are pending and *Candida auris* is suspected

The organism was isolated from the patient's: (check all that apply)

Skin Blood Urine Respiratory tract

Wound Stool Other: _____

The Isolation/Transmission-based Precaution status at time of discharge:

Contact Droplet Airborne Enhanced barrier

Other organisms requiring isolation: _____

Most recent topical antiseptic application (chlorhexidine gluconate [CHG]) if applicable:

Date: _____ **Body Sites:** _____

Additional Notes:

Resources

PDPH Health Information Portal for *Candida auris*: <https://hip.phila.gov/disease-control/diseasesconditions/candida-auris/>

Infection Prevention and Control for *Candida auris*: <https://www.cdc.gov/candida-auris/hcp/infection-control/>

Inter-facility IC Transfer Form: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthcare-associated-infections/media/pdfs/Interfacility-IC-Transfer-Form-508.pdf>

PPE in Nursing Homes to Prevent MDROs <https://www.cdc.gov/long-term-care-facilities/hcp/prevent-mdro/ppe.html>