

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**

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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.

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## 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/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.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:**

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**Resources**

PDPH Health Information Portal: *Candida auris* <https://hip.phila.gov/HAIAR/CandidaAuris>

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

Inter-facility IC Transfer Form <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/toolkits/Interfacility-IC-Transfer-Form-508.pdf>

PPE in Nursing Homes to Prevent MDROs <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html#1>