



HOMES AND SENIORS SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT: *Infection Control*

SUBJECT: *Isolation – Resident/Visitor Education*

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PURPOSE:

To ensure protection of residents/visitors; to increase knowledge and awareness of infection control policies and procedures; to minimize the transmission of infectious diseases.

RESIDENT

The nurse will explain to the resident:

- The nature of their infectious state.
- The isolation/precaution techniques being used.
- The methods needed to prevent transmission to others
- The period of communicability.

VISITORS

The nurse will explain to visitors that:

- They must check at the nursing station before entering the residents' room.
- They may be required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- They must wash their hands before and after any contact with the resident.
- If there is no potential for contact with the agent, then no barrier is required.
- Visitors should be kept to a minimum.