

NEW CONTACT PRECAUTIONS SIGN FOR *C. difficile*

Please note that a **neon yellow sign** will now be used for rule-out or known *C. difficile* (+) patients.

The new sign highlights the need for **hand washing with soap and water** instead of using alcohol-based hand gel, which is not considered reliably sporicidal, when leaving the room of a patient in contact precautions for *C. difficile*.

Infection prevention practices for patients in contact precautions for *C. difficile* include:

- Wearing gown and gloves when entering the patient's room
- Using dedicated patient equipment
- **Washing hands with soap and water** when leaving the room

The new sign will also prompt housekeeping to use cleaning solutions upon patient discharge that are specifically shown to be effective against *C. difficile* spores.

For more information, please contact your site infection preventionist.

