

Initial Assessment for Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Reported Case of Carbapenem-Resistant Organisms (CRO) including Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales (CRE)

Upon receiving a report of a CRO in a LTCF, please contact the facility to conduct this quick assessment of staff knowledge of CRO. Based on this initial evaluation, you can decide if further support by phone or a site visit is needed. A more comprehensive evaluation tool is available if needed as a guide for site visits or in-depth phone interviews. For additional questions or assistance contact the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services (OEPS), Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) staff at (304) 558-5358, extension 2.

Facility name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Person in charge: _____

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Infection Control Measures

1. Are you aware of CRO positive residents in your facility?
If YES: How many: _____
2. Are you aware of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) toolkit for CRE?
If NO, email or fax a copy to the facility.
www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/cre/cre-guidance-508.pdf
3. Do you have those patients under contact precautions?
If YES, how long will they be under contact precautions? _____
If these patients are under contact precautions for CRO, they should be under contact/enhanced barrier precautions indefinitely.
www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html
4. Does the facility have a monitoring protocol in place for adherence to infection control (e.g., hand hygiene and PPE audits)?
5. Does the facility have adequate supplies to perform enhanced barrier precautions?
6. Does the facility provide any staff or resident education on CRO?
Education sheets are available on the OEPS website.
7. Is appropriate signage posted on the patient's door to alert healthcare personnel and visitors of recommended precautions?
8. Are hand sanitizer dispensers placed throughout the facility?

Bed Placement

- 9.** Are the CRO infected or colonized residents in single rooms?
If NO, are they cohorted with residents who have similar illness?

- 10.** Do the CRO infected or colonized residents have dedicated non-critical patient-care equipment?

Environmental Cleaning

- 11.** Is the disinfectant used in the facility a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered hospital grade disinfectant effective against the CRO organism?
Name of product: _____

- 12.** Are healthcare personnel trained on cleaning and disinfecting patient equipment including frequency and correct contact time?

- 13.** Is cleaning and disinfection of patients' rooms and other areas where patients receive care being performed at a minimum, daily?

Screening

- 14.** Does the facility screen patients with epidemiologic links to newly identified CRO colonized or infected patients?

Colonization screening information can be found here:
www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/pdf/CRE-lab-test-508.pdf

Additional comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____