



# CATHOLIC HEALTH CRITICAL PATIENT SAFETY ALERT

ISOLATION  
UPDATE

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UPDATE TO ISOLATION POLICY: EFFECTIVE 3/17/2020

## CONTACT ISOLATION:

CONTACT ISOLATION WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR THE FOLLOWING MULTI-DRUG RESISTANT ORGANISMS (MDRO):

- MRSA except for draining wounds
- VRE except for draining wounds
- ESBL except from draining wounds



## Discontinuing Contact Isolation

Contact isolation will continue to be used for infections caused by MRSA, VRE or ESBL for patients a draining wound, precautions can be removed without screening cultures if the patient is still hospitalized but has completed therapy and has no signs of ongoing infection (e.g. draining wound is healed).

**This policy change is a reflection of the ongoing evaluation of the care provided to our patients and the ever changing healthcare environment.**

### Catholic Health Pursuing Excellence Expectations

*\*Pay Attention to Details \*Communicate Clearly & Directly & Perform Effective Handoffs*

*\*Have a Questioning Attitude\* \*Work Together With Your Team \*Follow the Rules*

*\*Interact Respectfully and Compassionately \*Demonstrate Accountability for Your Actions*

