## Bacterial Agents

**BIOTERRORISM: INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES**

**SOURCE:** WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

### Important Phone Numbers

- **Infection Control:**
- **Local Health Department:**
- **State Health Department:** 800/992-0272
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** 770/488-7100

### Isolation Precaution

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<th>Standard precautions for all aspects of patient care</th>
<th>Contact precautions</th>
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<th>Use of N95 mask by all individuals entering the room</th>
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### Patient Placement

- **No restrictions**
- **Cohort 'like' patients when private room unavailable**
- **Private room**
- **Negative pressure — rooms**
- **Door closed at all times**

### PATIENT TRANSPORT

- **No restrictions**
- **Limit movement to essential medical purposes only**
- **Place mask on patient to minimize dispersal of droplets**

### Equipment Cleaning and Disinfection

- **Routine terminal cleaning of room with hospital-approved disinfectant upon discharge**
- **Disinfect surfaces with bleach and water solution 1:9 (10 percent solution)**
- **Dedicated equipment that is disinfected before leaving room**
- **Handle as infectious waste**

### Discharge Management

- **No special discharge instruction necessary**
- **Home care providers taught principles of Standard Precautions**
- **Not discharged from hospital until determined no longer infectious**
- **Patient usually not discharged until 72 hours of antibiotics completed**

### Post-Mortem Care

- **Follow principles of Standard Precautions**
- **Routine terminal cleaning of room with hospital-approved disinfectant upon autopsy**
- **Disinfect surfaces with bleach and water solution 1:9 (10 percent solution)**

### Standard Precautions

- **Standard Precautions** are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection in the hospital. Use Standard Precautions when contact with any of the following is anticipated: blood; all body fluids, secretions and excretions; nonintact skin; and mucous membranes. Standard Precautions expand the coverage of Universal Precautions by recognizing that any body fluid may contain contagious microorganisms.