

While awaiting admission screening test results, do all patients/residents require the use of Contact or Enhanced Barrier Precautions (depending upon facility type) and placement in a private room? 

For patients with a history of an overnight stay in a healthcare facility or invasive procedures outside the United States in the last 6 months (for carbapenemase-producing organisms [CPO] admission screening) or the last 12 months (for *Candida auris* admission screening), CDC recommends using Contact Precautions (or Enhanced Barrier Precautions, for nursing home residents when Contact Precautions do not otherwise apply) and placing the patient/resident in a private room when available while awaiting admission screening results. When performing admission screening for other indications, Contact Precautions (or Enhanced Barrier Precautions, for nursing home residents when Contact Precautions do not otherwise apply) and a private room are not required while awaiting test results. However, in certain situations facilities may decide to implement these measures due to the high probability of a positive test result. For instance, an acute care hospital may use Contact Precautions and private room placement for patients transferred from a facility or unit with a known outbreak or high baseline multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) prevalence while awaiting laboratory results.

If preemptive Contact Precautions (or Enhanced Barrier Precautions) are not used, take steps to limit the risk of possible transmission to others, such as avoiding frequent room transfers and maintaining high levels of adherence to hand hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, and [Standard Precautions](#). Whenever individuals are roomed together, precautions should be taken to prevent transmission of infectious organisms between them, regardless of known MDRO colonization or infection status. These include:

- Maintaining spatial separation of at least 3 feet between beds
- Use of privacy curtains to limit direct contact
- Cleaning and disinfecting any shared reusable equipment
- Cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces on a more frequent schedule
- Changing personal protective equipment (if worn) and performing hand hygiene when switching care from one roommate to another