

**REGION I EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDING MEDICAL ORDERS
EMT -- Basic, EMT -- Paramedic**

ISOLATION GUIDELINES

BACTERIAL AGENTS

	Anthrax	Brucellosis	Cholera	Glanders	Bubonic Plague	Pneumonic Plague	Tularemia	Q Fever
Standard precautions for all aspects of patient care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Contact precautions; gown, gloves and wash hands after each patient encounter			X***	X*	X*			
Droplet precautions; mask						X		
Limit patient movement to essential medical purposes only			X***	X*	X*	X		
Place mask on patient to minimize dispersal of droplets						X		
Routine cleaning of EMS equipment and patient compartment	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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VIRUSES

	Smallpox	Venezuelan Equine Encephalitides	Viral Encephalitis	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever
Standard precautions for all aspects of patient care	X	X	X	X
Contact precautions; gown, gloves and wash hands after each patient encounter	X			X
Airborne precautions; N95 masks for all EMS personnel	X			X**
Droplet precautions; mask				X**
Limit patient movement to essential medical purposes only	X			X
Routine cleaning of all EMS equipment and patient compartment	X	X	X	X
Disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach solution				X

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BACTERIAL TOXINS

	Botulism	Ricin	T-2 Micotoxins	Staph. Enterotoxin B
Standard precautions for all aspects of patient care	X	X	X	X
Contact precautions; gown, gloves, wash hands after each patient contact			X*	
Limit patient movement to essential medical purposes only			X*	
Routine cleaning of all EMS equipment and patient compartment	X	X	X	X

* *Contact precautions needed only if the patient has skin involvement (bubonic plague: draining bubo)*

** *A surgical mask and eye protection should be worn if you come within 3 feet of the patient.*

Airborne precautions are needed if the patient has a cough, vomiting, diarrhea or hemorrhage

*** *Contact precautions needed only if the patient is diapered or incontinent*