

# **Psychiatric Department Policy: Modified Isolation in the Adult / Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatric Population**

## **Modified Precautions: Contact / Special Precautions**

**Note: Psychiatric staff is responsible for overseeing and enforcing compliance with modifications listed below. If any patient is incapable of compliance or has active diarrhea, staff will discontinue use of “modified” precautions and revert back to Isolation Precautions as described in policy IFC-023**

### Patient Requirements

1. Patients will wear clean street clothes
2. Hands will be washed or sanitized before group activities
3. Additionally, hands will be sanitized when leaving patient room and those times described under Standard Precautions in IFC-023
4. Any wound or skin lesion to be covered with clean dry dressing
5. Patients may not participate in food preparation
6. Contact or Special Isolation Sign [as appropriate] on patient room door

### Staff requirements

1. Follow requirements outlined in hospital Isolation Policy [IFC-023]
  - a. Gloves: for contact with infected material
  - b. Gown: for contact with patient or their infected secretions
2. Hands will be washed or sanitized before group activities and between patient contacts
3. Prohibit patient from touching wound or skin lesions

### Equipment Cleaning

1. Walkers or other mobility assistance devices are to be sprayed with germicide [Air X 109] whenever patient leaves their room
2. Wheel chairs or stretchers that were in an isolation room are to be sprayed with germicide and wiped down when they are brought out of the room