

WEISMAN CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL (WCRH)

INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL

SUBJECT: Protection of the Patient

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PROTECTION OF THE PATIENT:

Guidelines to limit or prohibit employee contact when certain conditions exist are established by the Infection Control Committee.

See attached chart.

A. Employees with the following conditions are not permitted to administer patient care:

1. Active skin infections, open, draining wounds, draining lesions of any kind, including Herpetic Whitlow and scabies (until treated).
2. Respiratory tract infections (including untreated Group A Strep, any acute pneumonia, active pulmonary TB, active influenza, mumps, or undiagnosed symptoms of fever with sore throat).
3. Employees with colds and other URI
4. Active exanthems (chickenpox, Herpes Zoster in exposed areas or of disseminated type, measles, rubella).
5. Enteric infections (Hepatitis A, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, amebiasis, giardiasis, vomiting and diarrhea of unknown etiology until cause is determined or diarrhea abates).
6. Infectious conjunctivitis (until 24 hours after antibiotic therapy is started).

B. Employees with the following symptoms will be restricted from entering any Weisman Children's locations:

1. Fever: Until 24 hours after symptom resolution
2. Respiratory: Until 24 hours after symptom resolution
3. Gastrointestinal: Until 48 hours after symptom resolution

- C. Personnel with Herpes Simplex (fever blisters or cold sores) must not care for immunosuppressed patients or pregnant patients.
- D. Employees with poison ivy may be allowed to care for patients. Should the dermatitis become bacterially infected, the employee should be screened as having skin lesions.
- E. Employees may or may not require work restrictions due to specific carrier states or exposure to specific communicable diseases. The employee will be referred to his/her own private physician or occupational health for clearance to work.

<u>INFECTIOUS PROCESS</u>	<u>DURATION OF RESTRICTION</u>
Conjunctivitis	Until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic treatment
Herpes Zoster Chicken Pox Shingles	Until vesicles have dried and crusted
German Measles (Rubella)	Until rash is cleared, a minimum of 7 days
Hepatitis A	Minimum of 7 days after onset of icterus; liver function studies improving; clinical improvement
Measles (Rubeola)	Until rash is cleared, a minimum of 7 days
Mononucleosis	Until clinically able to work
Scabies	Until 8 hours after appropriate treatment
Sore throat / Pharyngitis due to Group A (Betahemolytic) Streptococci diagnosed by a physician	Until 24 hours after appropriate antibiotic therapy

Tuberculosis	Until receiving appropriate therapy, clinical improvement, and physical clearance.
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