

We seek your help and support in improving our *C. difficile* processes. Opportunities identified are:

1. Hand Hygiene
2. Environmental Cleaning

To prevent *C. difficile*, take the following steps:

1. **General Care:**

- **Ensure** appropriate hand hygiene for all patient / patient room interactions and between tasks (delivering meal trays, daily room cleans, repairs, registration)
- **Perform** required environmental cleaning and equipment cleaning and follow contact /wet times: Hydrogen Peroxide 1 minute, Bleach 3 minutes.

2. **Isolation:** Patients suspected or confirmed to have *C.difficile* are in Contact-Enteric Precautions:

- **Follow** signage at entryway to door and STOP signs over sanitizer.
 - **Clean hands with soap and water** after contact with the patient or patient's environment.
 - **Don gowns and gloves** when entering the patient's room or when having contact with the patient
 - **Dedicate equipment to the patient.** If equipment must go in and out of the patient room, disinfect with bleach wipes.
- When **transporting** a patient on Contact-Enteric isolation, before exiting room package the patient with clean linen, wipe bed handles with bleach, remove PPE, wash hands with soap and water.
- At discharge perform a **2 step patient room terminal clean:** 1) bleach, 2) UV light disinfection. Ensure placement of UV machine covers all surfaces in the room.