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**To:** Skilled Nursing Facilities

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**Subject:** Toolkit for Implementing Personal Protective Equipment in Nursing Homes to Prevent the Spread of Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Organisms

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The control of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs), extensively drug-resistant organisms (XDROs), and emerging pathogens is particularly challenging in skilled nursing facilities. In response, the Illinois Department of Public Health is releasing [A Toolkit for Implementing Personal Protective Equipment in Nursing Homes to Prevent the Spread of Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Organisms](#). The document provides necessary tools and resources to implement Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) for residents with wounds requiring dressings or indwelling medical devices and successfully admit and care for those residents with an XDRO or epidemiologically important MDRO.

The toolkit includes:

- directions on how to query the XDRO registry,
- examples of interfacility transfer forms,
- Transmission-Based Precautions (TBP) signs,
- algorithms for determining the appropriate TBP category and required personal protective equipment (PPE) for residents,
- cohorting options when room availability is limited, and
- resources for training staff (PowerPoint presentation, in-service attendance sheet, and post-test).

This document is not intended for use in acute care, long-term acute care hospitals (LTACH), or assisted living (AL) communities and does not replace existing guidance regarding the use of contact precautions for other pathogens (e.g., *Clostridioides difficile*, norovirus) in nursing homes.

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