

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19
COMMITTEE**

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COVID-19 Infection Prevention & Control Precautions for COVID-19 Variants

The *Infection Prevention & Control Guidance: Management of COVID-19 Variants* guidance document has been developed to provide interim direction for the management of patients presenting with suspect/confirmed COVID-19 variants in a health care setting.

This guidance document is based on the current information available about this illness related to: Disease severity, transmission efficiency, and the local and provincial epidemiology.

This document provides IPC recommendations with regard to patient accommodation and factors to consider when cohorting is necessary for patients with a COVID-19 variant positive result.

Current IPC measures are effective. However, because of increased transmissibility of variants the need for strict compliance with Droplet / Contact and Full Precautions (when there is risk for an aerosol generating medical procedure or AGMP) is of the utmost importance, as there is a lower margin of error with adherence to current IPC measures and demonstrated PPE donning and doffing competency.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline Page](#) for COVID-19 information.