

Signage and Other Posted Materials

GENERAL INFORMATION

Most signage presents a very low risk for transmission of organisms.

Determination of whether a sign/poster that is posted should be laminated is based upon the following considerations:

- Length of time it is likely to be posted
- Whether the signage is for long term use and is stored between uses
- Whether the signage would require a wipe down of its surfaces when area is cleaned
- Risk of contamination based on where it will be posted – low frequency or high frequency touch areas
- Where it will be used – patient care area, staff rooms, office/business area.

When a poster/sign is developed for posting and a decision needs to be made regarding lamination, the following four basic principles should be considered:

1. Laminate the poster/sign if it will be posted for a long-term period (30 days or greater), or stored and re-used (i.e. precaution signs)
2. Don't laminate if poster/sign is to be posted for short term (less than 30 days)
3. If not laminated, remove and replace if it becomes dirty, tattered, or torn
4. If the poster/sign is to be posted in a patient or staff bathroom or dirty utility room, it must be laminated regardless of the duration of use

Please note: Sheet protectors are not recommended as an alternate to lamination because they cannot be easily cleaned and require tape to seal the top.