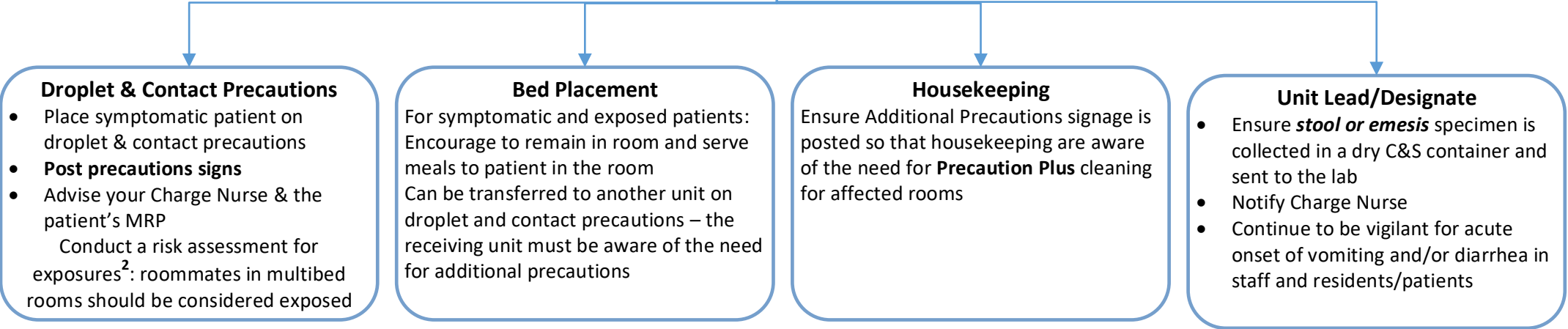


Suspected Gastroenteritis or Noro-Like Illness (NLI) All Health Facilities

Patient* has sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea not explained by other causes¹



Droplet & Contact Precautions

- Place symptomatic patient on droplet & contact precautions
- Post precautions signs**
- Advise your Charge Nurse & the patient's MRP
Conduct a risk assessment for exposures²: roommates in multibed rooms should be considered exposed

Bed Placement

For symptomatic and exposed patients:
Encourage to remain in room and serve meals to patient in the room
Can be transferred to another unit on droplet and contact precautions – the receiving unit must be aware of the need for additional precautions

Housekeeping

Ensure Additional Precautions signage is posted so that housekeeping are aware of the need for **Precaution Plus** cleaning for affected rooms

Unit Lead/Designate

- Ensure **stool or emesis** specimen is collected in a dry C&S container and sent to the lab
- Notify Charge Nurse
- Continue to be vigilant for acute onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea in staff and residents/patients

Are you aware of ≥3 patients:
With GI/Norovirus-Like Illness symptoms
Occurring within 4 days
Epidemiologically-linked (e.g., by room/floor/common area/staff assignment?)

If during working hours, notify:

- Director of Care for your facility
- Island Health EHO (Affiliate site) or IPAC (Island Health)

If after hours, notify:
Affiliate Sites: Medical Health Officer on Call **1.800.204.6166**
Island Health: Clinical Coordinator/Utilization manager, or Site Admin on Call
Message for IPAC: IPAC.enquiries@islandhealth.ca
Medical Microbiologist on Call (Island Health) between 0600-2200h

GI-2 Algorithm:
Enhanced Measures

***Patient:** the term “patient” in this document refers to patients, residents and clients in an inpatient acute or long-term care setting
¹Non-infectious reasons for acute nausea and vomiting include drug therapies with GI side effects (e.g., laxatives), pregnancy, migraine headache, and GI conditions such as appendicitis, gallstones, and constipation
²**Exposed:** Roommates. Anyone who has had contact with infectious body fluids or contaminated materials, e.g., bedpan, food handled by the symptomatic case