

****PRACTICE CHANGE****
MRSA Active Surveillance & Isolation
Suspension
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
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The first priority for SIH is to ensure all patients are provided safe care while maintaining a safe environment for all staff and visitors. IDPH has issued guidance to evaluate this practice and has granted temporary suspension of the mandated practice of active surveillance and isolation.

As an organization, we will be **suspending** our practice of performing MRSA ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE & ISOLATION processes (swabbing and placing patients in contact isolation proactively). This is for patients who are colonized without active infection. Per IDPH this is a step we can implement to conserve our testing supplies & PPE.

For patients with uncontained MRSA infections, such as a wound not contained by dressings or pneumonia, we will continue to use Contact Precautions for the duration of hospital stay.