

Public Update:

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

- **No new cases of VRE have been identified**

No new cases of Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) have been identified from the most recent prevalence screens completed on Monday July 18, 2011. A total of nine (9) cases of VRE have been linked to this outbreak since June 28.

Control measures are in place:

- **Hand Hygiene** – this remains one of the most important infection prevention & control practices to stop transmission of MRSA, VRE and many other infectious diseases
- All identified cases are placed on **Contact Precautions** (isolation). All patients on Contact Precautions are to remain in their room except where medically indicated
- Enhanced **environmental cleaning** is ongoing.
- Continued **case finding**. Prevalence screening for VRE (swabbing all patients on the unit) was conducted again on Monday, July 25.
- Early identification of patients with antibiotic resistant organisms (ARO) is an important prevention strategy to decrease transmission of these organisms. Strict attention to **screening for antibiotic resistant organisms** (ARO – MRSA & VRE) of all admitted patients is critical to ensure early identification and isolation

As always, visitors are asked to fully comply with appropriate hand hygiene and infection prevention and control practices when visiting the hospital; it is mandatory and vital to reducing health care associated infections.

Another update will be provided in a week's time.

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