

IPAC Diseases and Conditions Table: Recommendations for Management of Patients, Residents & Clients

Suspected/Known Disease or Microorganism Varicella Zoster Virus: Herpes Zoster (Shingles) – Disseminated							
Clinical Presentation Vesicular lesions that involve multiple areas (>2 dermatomes, OR >1 non-adjacent or bilateral dermatomes) with possible visceral complications**, refer to Dermatome Map (p14) in the VZV Chickenpox (Varicella-Zoster) and Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Guideline.							
Infectious Substances Vesicular fluid, respiratory secretions	How it is Transmitted Direct Contact, Indirect Contact, Airborne						
Precautions Needed* <table border="1" data-bbox="462 787 925 1171"> <tr> <td>Acute Care</td><td>Airborne & Contact Precautions</td></tr> <tr> <td>Residential Care</td><td>Airborne & Contact Precautions</td></tr> <tr> <td>Home & Community</td><td>Airborne & Contact Precautions</td></tr> </table>		Acute Care	Airborne & Contact Precautions	Residential Care	Airborne & Contact Precautions	Home & Community	Airborne & Contact Precautions
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Duration of Precautions: Until all lesions have crusted and dried							
Incubation Period Not applicable	Period of Communicability Until all lesions have crusted and dried						
Comments <p>*Precautions required are in addition to Routine Practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susceptible healthcare workers should not enter the room if immune staff are available. If they must enter the room, an N95 respirator must be worn. Other non-immune persons should not enter except in urgent or compassionate circumstances. If immunity is unknown, assume person is non-immune. Defer non-urgent admissions if chickenpox or disseminated zoster is present. On discharge or transfer, keep room on Airborne Precautions for 2 hours or per air Clearance/settle time. <p>Notify local Infection Preventionist if other patients exposed and refer to the VZV Chickenpox (Varicella-Zoster) and Shingles (Herpes Zoster) Guideline (exposure management).</p>							

**Visceral involvement, such as meningoencephalitis, pneumonitis, hepatitis and acute retinal necrosis