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During hospital-based outbreaks, it may be appropriate to admit patients from the Emergency Department or other units to a unit already on outbreak, provided the patient has the same type of infection and there is an available bed in a room of patients already on additional precautions for the same type of infection.

Exceptions to this process may occur when patient care needs or unit staffing levels require alternate placement. In such situations, clinical acuity, safety considerations, and operational capacity may supersede this admission pathway.

***Is bed available in room.** No hallway or overflow spaces on unit eligible for patient placement.

- ** Bedside Isolation:** Refers to requirements for patients on Additional Precautions in multi-bed or unconventional spaces. These requirements include:
- Treat each bedspace as though they are a separate room. Strict adherence to Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA), hand hygiene, appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and cleaning and disinfection.
 - Dedicated bathroom and/or commode to patient on Additional Precautions. If commode cannot be dedicated for single patient, [clean and disinfect](#) between patients.
 - Privacy curtains, or physical barrier that remains closed.
 - Appropriate Additional Precautions signage posted at both door and privacy curtain.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) changed between each patient, even if they are both positive for the pathogen.
 - Adherence to preventative measures highlighted in corresponding Additional Precautions guideline (i.e., [Droplet & Contact Precautions](#))

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