

## Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service Division of Operations Emergency Medical and Integrated Healthcare Services

## Candida Auris

In December 2019, EMIIHS released <u>this announcement</u>. *C. auris* is still around and recently impacted a long-term care facility in DC. <u>Reference</u>.

## What you need to know now

- *C. auris* is an emerging, often multidrug-resistant yeast that is highly transmissible, resulting in health care-associated outbreaks, especially in long-term care facilities.
- When caring for a patient with *C. auris*, our lower risk PPE (gloves, surgical mask, and eye protection) is suitable.
- When transporting a patient with *C. auris*, make sure to notify the receiving facility of patient's *C. auris* infection or colonization status.
- After caring for a patient with *C. auris*, the ambulance and equipment should be disinfected with the standard inventory bleach solution (5,000 ppm available chlorine that is no more than 24 hours old). Slide 11 of the <u>MCFRS Infection</u> <u>control and Hazard Exposure Reduction Manual</u> includes guidance for bleach mixing.
- Should you encounter a *C. auris* patient, please contact your EMS Duty Officer.

**CDC** reference

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MCFRS Infection Control and Hazard Exposure Reduction Manuals