

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This reference guide seeks to provide a comprehensive resource to assist clinicians in preparing for, recognizing, and responding to infectious disease emergencies. In the event of an infectious disease emergency, the San Francisco Department of Public Health will supplement the information in this guidebook with updates that will be faxed to clinicians and posted at: [www.sfcdep.org/healthalerts](http://www.sfcdep.org/healthalerts).

Use of this guide by San Francisco clinicians will strengthen surveillance for, and reporting of, certain critically important infectious diseases. Throughout the US, clinicians have been the first to confront and alert public health officials to emerging infections, bioterrorism attacks, and widespread outbreaks. In San Francisco the Department of Public Health relies daily on clinicians to recognize, respond to, and report infectious diseases. In an emerging infectious disease outbreak or bioterrorist attack these duties are especially critical.

This reference guide is divided into the following sections:

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<b>Tab 5</b>	<b>Infection Control Guidelines</b> Description of standard, contact, droplet, and airborne precautions
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An electronic copy of this guide is available at the SFDPH Communicable Disease Control & Prevention website:

**[www.sfcdep.org/publications](http://www.sfcdep.org/publications)**

The guide is modular and updates will be made as new information becomes available. To access the latest information visit the SFDPH Communicable Disease Control & Prevention website and review or download the most up-to-date materials.