

## Antibiotic Resistant Organism (ARO) Flagging Codes and Required Actions

Infection Control health issue codes are used in the Electronic Patient Record (EPR) to indicate the Antibiotic Resistant Organism status of a client. Please use the required actions below while screening results are pending. \* **Review ARO Admission Screening Form for more details.**

The following may appear as a single code or in a combination of abbreviated codes in the EPR:

Code	Explanation of Code	Required Actions
<b>CPE POS</b>	<b>CPE Positive:</b> Carbapenemase-Producing <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (CPE) positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Implement Contact Precautions</u></li> <li>• No surveillance specimen required</li> </ul>
<b>CPE SUS</b>	<b>CPE Suspect:</b> Exposed to Carbapenemase-Producing <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (CPE); requires cultures to determine status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Implement Contact Precautions</u></li> <li>• Notify Infection Prevention and Control</li> <li>• Collect surveillance specimens as directed by Infection Prevention and Control</li> </ul>
<b>MRSA POS</b>	<b>MRSA Positive:</b> Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Implement Contact Precautions</u></li> <li>• Collect MRSA surveillance cultures from nares and open wounds</li> </ul>
<b>MRSA SUS</b>	<b>MRSA Suspect:</b> Exposed to Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA); requires cultures to determine status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Follow Routine Practices</u>, unless otherwise directed by Infection Prevention and Control *</li> <li>• Collect MRSA surveillance specimens from nares and wounds</li> </ul>
<b>MRSA PREV</b>	<b>MRSA Previous:</b> Previous Methicillin Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) positive client who was treated and eradicated or self-eradicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Follow Routine Practices</u></li> <li>• Contact Precautions are NOT required</li> <li>• Collect MRSA surveillance specimens from nares and wounds</li> </ul>