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| PPE | Personal Proctective Equipment - Specialized clothing or equipment worn by an employee for protection against a hazard |
| PIM | Other Potentially Infectious Materials   * Human body fluids: semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, and saliva * Any tissue or organ (other than intact skin) or tissue cultures |
| Standard Precautions | 1996 Centers for Disease Control revised procedures to replace Universal Precautions. It contains two tiers of precautions: Standard precautions and transmission-based precaution. |
| Sterilize | To kill all microorganisms including spores |
| Virus | The smallest organism identified using an electron microscope. |
| VRE | Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus - this a MDRO that affects the gastrointestinal system |