Mercy EMS – Office of the Medical Director

# Candida *auris* (C. *auris*)

!!! Clinical Bulletin !!!

- Candida *auris* is an emerging fungal (yeast) infection that can cause severe illness and spread easily among very sick patients.
- C. *auris* is extremely resistant to conventional treatment modalities.
- Although most healthy people will not become ill, they can easily become carriers and unknowingly spread the infection through contact.
- Caregivers should use extreme caution with known infections and wear all PPE – Gown, facemask, eye protection, gloves, hair protection. All equipment should be cleaned with bleach-based cleaner after contact. Caregivers should wash with soap and water.
- It is important to avoid skin to skin contact as much as possible. If in doubt, full PPE should be worn. Be very careful when moving patients or in any situation where close contact is expected.
- Any exposure should be reported – A caregiver incident report and SAFE report should be completed ASAP.