

**Herpes simplex virus – HSV is an extremely common cause of infection. Direct contact with the lesions or infected secretions is the primary mode of transmission of HSV. Staff who have direct patient contact are required to notify OHSS of orofacial or finger lesions.**



Infections present as:

- Orofacial infections
- Herpetic whitlow (infection of the fingers)
- Genital herpes
- Herpes corporis (infection on other parts of the body)

Transmission & Prevention:

Healthcare workers are at risk if they contact mucous membranes of patients without wearing gloves. Virus can be transferred from the infected area to the hands of the HCW. Patients are also at risk, as transmission can occur as a result of unwashed hands.