Pre-meeting IC Protocol:

A) The attending pulmonary physician, or nurse practitioner, providing the active treatment of the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) patient at the CF Care Center must confirm that based on his/her knowledge the prospective patient participant is not known to be colonized by virulent respiratory pathogens, such as *Burkholderia cepacia* complex.

B) The CF patient, wishing to attend the Group, must notify the pulmonary staff person(s) facilitating the meeting so that staff can contact their physician to obtain assurance that the prospective participant is not known to be colonized by virulent respiratory pathogens, based on the most recent CF Care Center examination.

C) A CF patient must not attend the group if s/he has a fever or a notable, recent increase in coughing. The same is true for the CF patient’s spouse or other companion wishing to attend the group.

D) Group meetings will not be held during periods of greatly increased influenza in the State.

On-site IC Protocol:

All adult patients coming into the hospital setting where the group is held must wear a mask. The mask may be removed during the meeting unless the patient is coughing, in which event they should not be attending the meeting while symptomatic.

- The minimum ‘three foot separation rule’ with participants of the group must be maintained. Seating at the group is the responsibility of the pulmonary staff facilitator. Additional masks will be available for individuals as they enter the group room.

- For those who wish to use them, use of antibacterial (alcohol) hand gel, tissue boxes, and individual bags for the disposal of tissue for each CF patient and partner will be available.

- Both the setting of the table and the serving of food (entrée, desserts, condiments, and beverages) will be done by facilitator for the patients and partners - thus reducing the potential for cross-contamination. If the food is purchased from the hospital cafeteria, the participant is responsible for their own tray. Food must not be shared with other patients during the meeting. The facilitator, using disposable gloves, will bus the food from the tables at the end of the meeting.