CDI Response Algorithm

Resident has diarrhea (>3 unformed stools within 24 hours)

Implement Transmission-based Precautions:
- Determine appropriate room placement
- Hand hygiene
- Special environmental disinfection
- Notify internal personnel and departments
- Provide resident and visitor education

Call MD/ Obtain MD order for lab test
Send specimen to lab
Results received back from lab

Test is positive
- Obtain MD order to start antibiotics
- Continue Transmission-based Precautions
- Evaluate resolution of symptoms (diarrhea) daily

Test is negative
- Consider other infectious and non-infectious conditions (keep precautions until determined non-infectious)

>3 days since last episode of diarrhea?

Yes
- Discontinue Transmission-based Precautions

No
- Continue Transmission-based Precautions