

Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Program™

Summary of Recent Changes

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PLAN (Updated 7/1/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Section I: Infection Prevention and Control Program	7/5/23: Made minor edits throughout each sub-section. 7/1/24: Deleted objective 1J, added IPC Objectives 1A-D, 1J2, 1J4, and made minor edits to the IPC Objectives and Strategies sections.
2. Section II: Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment	7/5/23: Made minor edits throughout each sub-section. 7/1/24: Added IPC Risk Assessment 1, added content to 2J and 2M, edited Scope of Services 1 and added content to 2 and 3, deleted content from Patient Diagnosis, added content to Geographic Location Served to 1E, 1K, and 1M, edited Medical Devices, Equipment or Supplies, added content to Epidemiologically Important Issues 1, 1A, 1D, deleted content and made other minor edits in the same section, deleted content from Risk of Infection Transmission, and added content to Evaluation of the Patient and Environment 1C and 1E.
3. Section III: Strategies to Minimize, Reduce, or Eliminate the Prioritized Risks	7/5/23: Made minor edits throughout each sub-section. 7/1/24: Added content to Evidence-based IPC Operating Guidelines 1A-B, 1E, and made other minor edits, added content to IPC Strategies for Minimizing Infection Risks and Occupational Exposures 1F II, edited 1F VI, added 2 and 2A-B, deleted Staff Strategies for Preventing and Controlling Infection Transmission 1A and added content to 1G, deleted 1F from Patient and Caregiver Strategies for Preventing and Controlling Infection Transmission in the Patient's Care Setting and added content to 1E, added 1A and 1J to Strategies for Preventing and

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	Controlling Infection Transmission in the Office Environment, and made other minor edits.
4. Section IV: Structure and Resources for the Infection Prevention and Control Program	7/5/23: Made minor edits throughout each sub-section. 7/1/24: Added content to the governing body's responsibilities 1A and B, added 1C, D and E, deleted content from Clinical Manager's responsibilities 1G and H, added content to 1G, and made other minor edits, added content to Infection Preventionist's responsibilities A, 1A-F, and made other minor edits, edited Field Staff's responsibilities 1A and 1C, added content to IPC Oversight 1, 1B-D, and added 2.

SURVEILLANCE, IDENTIFICATION, AND REPORTING OF INFECTIONS (Updated 10/11/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Home Care Surveillance Activities	4/28/23: Edited guidelines A-D and updated the references. 10/11/24: Updated the references.
2. Identifying a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	4/28/23: Revised the title, updated the definitions of a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection, added a new last sentence to the definition of a Healthcare Facility-onset Infection, edited the definition of a repeat infection timeframe, and edited procedures 1-6. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
3. Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	4/28/23: New. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
4. Calculating the Metrics for a Home Care-onset Infection Incidence Rate	4/28/23: Made minor edits to the purpose, guideline A, and procedures 1-4. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.

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5. Collecting Denominator Data for Device-associated Infections	4/28/23: Edited guideline A, added a new last sentence, made other minor edits, and updated the reference. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
6. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Urinary Tract Infection	4/28/23: Made minor edits to guideline A, added the second sentence to procedure 3, added procedure 10, and made other minor edits. 10/11/24: Added procedure 3B and made minor edits.
7. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection	4/28/23: Added guideline D, made minor edits, and updated the reference. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
8. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Skin and Soft Tissue Infection	4/28/23: Made minor edits and updated the reference. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
Conducting Surveillance Activities for COVID-19	4/28/23: Deleted the guideline and moved the content to other applicable guidelines.
9. Collecting and Aggregating Patient Surveillance Data	4/28/23: Revised the title, edited the purpose, edited guidelines A and B, and edited procedures 1-10. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.
10. Analyzing a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	4/28/23: New. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.
11. Outbreak Surveillance Activities	4/28/23: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B and procedures 1, 3, 5, and 8. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.
12. Criteria for Internal Reporting of Infections	4/28/23: Made minor edits to the purpose, guideline A1, A3 and A5, and edited procedures 1-5. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.
13. Criteria for External Reporting of Infections	4/28/23: Edited guidelines A1, A3, and A5 and made minor edits to procedure #1. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.

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14. Contacting Public Health Agencies	4/28/23: Revised the title, made minor edits to guidelines A-C, and made minor edits to procedures 1-2. 10/11/24: Made minor edits.
15. Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	4/28/23: Edited the purpose, made minor edits to guidelines A1, B2II, B2VIII, B2IX, B4, and C-E, made minor edits to procedures 4-7, and updated the reference. 09/08/23: Edited guideline B2 I-VII. 10/11/24: Made minor edits and update the reference.
16. Monitoring Infection Prevention and Control Processes	4/28/23: New.
Surveillance References	4/28/23: Deleted and moved the references into the applicable “guidelines.”
17. Surveillance Appendix	4/28/23: Edited the title to forms 2 and 3 and added 13 and 14.
Forms	Form Changes
1. Home Care and Hospice Surveillance Definitions	4/28/23: Updated the references, edited the CLABSI, CDI, ILI, Gastroenteritis, SSTI, CA-SUTI, and SUTI definitions, and added COVID-19. 10/11/24: Updated the references, edited the LCBI notes #7, and made other minor edits.
2. Outcome Measures to Calculate a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	4/28/23: Revised the title, made minor edits to the instructions, deleted two Infusion Therapy events, made minor edits to UTI treatment criteria, edited the <i>C. difficile</i> numerator, and added a formula for infections present on admission and other excluded infections.
Outcome Measures to Calculate COVID-19 Surveillance Activities	4/28/23: Deleted and moved the content into the applicable guidelines.
3. Process Measures to Calculate Compliance with Infection Prevention Activities	4/28/23: Revised the title and instructions.

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4. Outcome Measures to Calculate Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	4/28/23: Revised the instructions and edited the COVID-19 vaccination description.
5. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Surveillance Worksheet	4/28/23: Made a minor edit to 5 and revised the signature line.
6. Urinary Tract Infection Surveillance Worksheet	4/28/23: Revised line two and the signature line.
7. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Surveillance Worksheet	4/28/23: Made minor edits to 2 and 7, and the signature line.
8. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Line List	
9. Urinary Tract Infection Line List	4/28/23: Made minor edits in the instructions.
10. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Line List	
11. Surveillance Denominators	4/28/23: Edited the headings for the antimicrobial starts.
12. Home Care and Hospice Surveillance Report	4/28/23: Modified the instructions, deleted BSI, and edited ILI and COVID-19.
13. Home Care and Hospice Surveillance Report Summary	4/28/23: Modified the instructions, deleted BSI, and edited ILI and COVID-19.
14. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	4/28/23: New.
15. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections Summary	4/28/23: New.
16. Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Transfer Summary	4/28/23: Made minor edits to Section V and the signature authentication.
17. Multidrug-resistant Organism and <i>C. difficile</i> Prevalence and Incidence Log	4/28/23: Made minor edits to the Office Use Only section 2 and the signature line.
18. State-specific List of Reportable Diseases/Conditions and Reporting form(s)	4/28/23: Made minor edits to the content.

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HAND HYGIENE (Updated 9/12/24)	
Title	Changes
Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene guidelines	Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene guidelines
1. Hand Hygiene Plan	7/1/23: Added procedure J and made other minor edits. 9/12/24: Edited procedures 1B, C, and J.
2. Indications for Hand Hygiene	7/1/23: Edited intro to procedure 1, added procedures 1E, 2G, and 4, edited procedures 5 and 6, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 8/31/23: Deleted procedure 1B. 9/12/24: Added procedure 1H, 3C, edited procedure 6, and updated the references.
3. Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	7/1/23: Added guideline B and deleted content, edited procedures 1-3, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Edited procedures 1-4, added procedure 5, and updated the references.
4. Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	7/1/23: Edited the purpose and guideline A, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
5. Hand Hygiene Products	7/1/23: Added “Product Selection” A3 and 7, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
6. Hand Hygiene Supplies	7/1/23: Edited guideline A, added guideline B, C1-3, added “Towels” B, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Added guideline C4, added content to Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents A, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
7. Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	7/1/23: Edited “Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancements” A and B, edited nail length, added “Hand Hygiene and Forearm

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	Bandages, Casts and Splints and Skin Condition” B, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits.
8. Hand Care Program	7/1/23: Edited procedure 1A’s first sentence, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
9. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	7/1/23: Added content to “Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care” C last sentence, D, E, F, and G, made other edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Edited in full and updated the references.
10. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	9/12/24: New
CDC Hand Hygiene References	7/1/23: Deleted and moved references to the applicable guideline.
Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines
1. WHO Hand Hygiene Plan	7/1/23: Added procedure J and made other minor edits. 9/12/24: Edited procedures 1B, C, and J.
2. WHO Indications for Hand Hygiene	7/1/23: Edited the intro to procedure 1, added procedures 1H and 2H, added procedure 4, edited procedures 5 and 6, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 8/31/23: Deleted procedure 1A. 9/12/24: Add procedure 1C, added content to procedure 1J and I, added procedure 1K, added procedures #7 and 8, and updated the references.
3. WHO Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	7/1/23: Added “guideline B and deleted content, edited procedures 1 and 2, made other minor edits, and updated the references.

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	9/12/24: Edited guideline A and procedures 1, 3, and 4, added the last two sentences to procedure 5, and updated the references.
4. WHO Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	7/1/23: Edited the purpose and guidelines A and B, edited procedures 1, 6, and 7, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits to procedures 2 and 7, and updated the references.
5. WHO Hand Hygiene Products	7/1/23: Added “Product Selection” A3 and 7, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
6. WHO Hand Hygiene Supplies	7/1/23: Edited guideline A, added guideline B, C1-3, added “Towels” B, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Added guideline C4, added content to Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents A, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
7. WHO Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	7/1/23: Edited “Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancements” A and B, edited nail length, added “Hand Hygiene and Forearm Bandages, Casts and Splints and Skin Condition” B, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits.
8. WHO Hand Care Program	7/1/23: Edited procedure 1A’s first sentence, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
9. WHO Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	7/1/23: Added content to “Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care” C last sentence, D, E, F, and G, made other edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Edited in full and updated the references.

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10. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	9/12/24: New
WHO Hand Hygiene References	7/1/23: Deleted and moved to the applicable guideline.
Forms	Form Changes
1. CDC vs. WHO Hand Hygiene Guideline Comparison	7/1/23: Made minor edits.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION (Updated 8/30/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Principles of Cleaning and Disinfection	1/12/24: Added content to procedures E and G and made other minor edits.
2. Selecting a Disinfectant	1/12/24: Added content to procedures C and H and made other minor edits.
3. Soft Surface Sanitizing	1/12/24: Added content to guideline A, “Wipe method” procedure 1, “Spray method” procedure 2, and made other minor edits. 1/24/24: Edited guideline A.
4. Medical Equipment: Noncritical Items	1/12/24: Added content to procedures 2 and 4, and made other minor edits.
5. Vital Sign Equipment and Management	1/12/24: Edited the title, added content to “Stethoscope” procedures B, E, and F, added the “Vital Sign Equipment Management” section, and made other minor edits.
6. Electronic Medical Equipment Used by Patients	1/12/24: Made minor edits.
7. Portable Electronic Devices: Laptop Computer, Tablet, and Peripherals	1/12/24: Added content to guidelines B and E, edited procedures 1-3, and made other minor edits. 1/24/24: Edited guidelines A and C.
8. Portable Electronic Devices: Electronic Visit Verification	1/12/24: Added content to procedures 2 and 3 and made other minor edits.
9. Principles of Bag Technique	1/12/24: Edited all sections and added new content throughout.

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CLEANING AND DISINFECTION (Updated 8/30/24)	
	8/30/24: Edited the guideline, edited “Bag Management” E and F, edited “Surface Barrier” A1, A4, and B, edited “Bag Placement and Storage” A, B4, C, D, and F, edited “Bag Structure” A, C, and D, made other minor edits and updated the references.
10. Cleaning and Sanitizing the Home Care Bag	1/12/24: Added content to guidelines A-B and D2, and edited procedures 1-7. 1/24/24: Edited guideline A. 8/30/24: Edited the title, edited procedures 3, 4-7, and made other minor edits.
11. Core and Supplementary Contents in the Home Care Bag	1/12/24: Added content to guideline A and made other edits. 8/30/24: Edited the title, edited guideline B and procedures 1, 2, 3A, B, and D, and updated the reference.
12. Equipment and Supplies Management When the Home Care Bag is not Brought into the Home	1/12/24: Made edits throughout. 8/30/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
13. Children’s Toys and Rehabilitation Equipment	1/12/24: Added content to guideline A and made other minor edits.
14. Medical Bed Mattress Cover	1/12/24: Made minor edits.
15. Cleaning and Disinfecting Eye Protection	1/12/24: New
16. Cleaning and Disinfecting a Half Mask Respirator	1/12/24: New
17. Cleaning and Storing a Bath Basin	1/12/24: Made minor edits.
18. Medical Equipment: Semicritical Items	1/12/24: Edited guidelines A-C and made other minor edits.
19. Point-of-Care Device: Prothrombin Monitoring Device	1/12/24: Edited guideline A and made other minor edits.
20. Medical Equipment: Critical Items	1/12/24: Edited procedures 3 and 5 and made other minor edits.
21. Linen Handling, Storage, and Cleaning	1/12/24: Made minor edits throughout.
22. Cleaning Spills of Non-regulated Medical Waste	1/12/24: Added content to procedure 7 and made other minor edits.
23. Cleaning Spills of Medical Waste on a Hard, Non-porous Surface	1/12/24: Made minor edits.

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24. Cleaning Spills on a Porous Surface	1/12/24: Added content to procedures 5 and 6 and updated the references.
25. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in the Home	1/12/24: Added content to procedure B and made other minor edits.
26. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	1/12/24: Deleted content in guidelines A and B, added content to guideline E, and made other minor edits.
27. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in an Office Setting	1/12/24: Revised the title, added content to guidelines B1, 2, and 4, added content to procedures 2B, 2F, and 2G, and updated the references.
28. Storage of Patient Care Supplies in a Vehicle	1/12/24: Made minor edits.
29. Inspecting and Maintaining Patient Care Supplies Stored in a Vehicle	1/12/24: Added content to guideline A and made other minor edits.
30. Medical Equipment and Supply Storage	1/12/24: Added content to procedures 5, 7, 9, and 10 and made other minor edits.
31. Labeling a Secondary Cleaning Product Container	1/12/24: Made minor edits.
32. Cleaning a Refrigerator	1/12/24: Edited the title and made other minor edits.
References	1/12/24: Moved references to the applicable guidelines.
33. Appendix	
Form	Form Changes
1. Medication and Vaccine Refrigerator Temperature Log	
2. Food Refrigerator Temperature Log	
3. Temperature and Humidity Log	
4. Troubleshooting Record	
5. Equipment and Supplies Storage: Vehicle Inspection Checklist	1/12/24: Added content and made edits throughout.

PATIENT CARE PRACTICES (Updated 1/19/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Sterile Equipment and Supplies	12/17/23: Made minor edits.
2. Aseptic Technique	12/17/23: Made minor edits.

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	1/19/24: Deleted procedure 1D, made minor edits, and deleted a reference.
3. Wound Care	12/17/23: Edited procedure 1E and made other minor edits. 1/19/24: Added content to procedure 1D.
4. Wound Cleanser and Irrigation Solution Storage and Use	12/17/23: Revised the title, edited guidelines A and B, made other minor edits to procedures 1A-I, and deleted a reference.
5. Venous Access Device and Phlebotomy: Skin Antisepsis	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 1/19/24: Added content to guideline A and procedures 1-4 and updated the references.
6. Venous Access Device: Changing the Dressing	12/17/23: Added content to guideline D, made other minor edits, and updated a reference. 1/19/24: Added content to guidelines B-E and procedures 5 and 8 and updated the references.
7. Needleless Connector Disinfection Technique	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guideline B and procedure 1, added content to procedures 3-5, and updated the references.
8. Needleless Connector Disinfection Technique: Disinfection Cap	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guideline A, added guideline C, edited procedure 1, added content to procedure 4, deleted content from 6, edited and added content to procedures 7 and 8.
9. Needleless Connector: Indications and Frequency for Changing	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Deleted content from guideline A1 and A2, added content to A6, and updated the references.
10. Needleless Connector: Clamping and Disconnecting Sequence	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Added content to guideline A and edited procedure 1.
11. Venous Access Device: Flushing and Locking	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited and added content to guideline C, edited procedure 1, added content to procedures 4, 6-9, and updated the references.

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12. Central Venous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guidelines A and I, added guidelines B, D, L, and M, and updated the references.
13. Central Venous Access Device: Evaluation and Criteria for Removal	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Added content to guideline A6, and edited procedure 1.
14. Removing a Nontunneled Central Venous Catheter	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guidelines A and B5, added content to procedures 9, 13, 14, and 15, edited procedure 15, and updated the references.
15. Peripheral Venous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	12/17/23: Added procedure 13 and made other edits. 1/19/24: Added content to procedures 1, 4, 5, and 7 and updated the references.
16. Subcutaneous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Added content to procedures 1, 5, 6A and 10, and edited procedures 6C, 8 and 9, and updated the references.
17. Infusion Therapy Equipment and Supplies	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 1/19/24: Added content to procedures 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 15, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
18. Collecting Blood for Culture and Other Tests	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guideline E and procedures 3, 7, 10, and 12, added content to 4, and updated the references.
19. Single and Multi-dose Vials	12/17/23: Edited guideline A, D1, D3, procedure 4, and updated the references. 1/19/24: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedure 1, and updated the references.
20. IV Push Medication Preparation and Administration	12/17/23: Added procedure 6, edited procedures 7 and 20, made other edits, and updated the references. 1/19/24: Added content to procedures 3, 6, and 7 and updated the references.

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21. Patient Vaccination	12/17/23: Revised the title, edited guidelines A-C, edited procedures 2, 5, and 6, and updated the references. 1/19/24: Edited guideline C and procedure 5.
22. Medication and Vaccine Storage	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 1/19/24: Edited procedure 4.
23. Refrigerator Temperature Monitoring	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the reference. 1/19/24: Edited guideline B.
24. Medication Storage During Transport to the Home	12/17/23: Made minor edits.
25. Vaccine Storage During Transport	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the reference. 1/19/24: Edited procedure 3.
26. Medication Storage in the Patient's Home	12/17/23: Made minor edits.
27. Hospice Inpatient Unit Point-of-Care Device: Blood Glucose Meter	12/17/23: Added the last sentence to guideline C, added guideline D, and made other minor edits. 1/19/24: Edited guideline C and added guideline E.
28. Respiratory Therapy	12/17/23: Added content to procedures 8, 11, 14, and 17, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
29. Preventing Lower Respiratory Tract Infection: Oral Care	12/17/23: Edited procedures 5 and 8, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 1/19/24: Made a minor edit to guideline A.
30. Enteral Therapy	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 1/19/24: Edited procedures 2 and 3.
Urinary Tract Care	12/17/23: Deleted.
31. Indwelling Urinary Catheter Indications	12/17/23: New 1/19/24: Made a minor edit to the purpose.
32. Alternatives to Indwelling Catheterization for Bladder Management	12/17/23: New
33. Selecting an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	12/17/23: New

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34. Inserting an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	12/17/23: Revised the title, edited guidelines C-E, and made other edits.
35. Managing an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	12/17/23: Made edits throughout.
36. Performing Periurethral Catheter Care	12/17/23: New
37. Managing a Urine Collection Drainage Bag	12/17/23: Made minor edits.
38. Managing Urine Collection Drainage Using a Leg Bag	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.
39. Suprapubic Catheter Site Care	12/17/23: New
40. Suprapubic Catheter Exchange	12/17/23: New
41. Indications for Collecting a Urine Specimen: Urine Culture Stewardship	12/17/23: Revised the title, added content to the purpose, made minor edits, and updated the references.
42. Collecting and Transporting a Urine Specimen	12/17/23: Added content to the purpose, edited the “Using an Indwelling Catheter” section, made other edits, and updated the references.
43. Collecting and Transporting a Stool Specimen	12/17/23: Edited procedure 2 and made other edits.
44. Collecting and Transporting a Rectal Swab	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Made minor edits to procedures 2 and 9.
45. Collecting and Transporting a Specimen from the Upper Respiratory Tract	12/17/23: Made minor edits and updated the reference. 1/19/24: Edited minor edits to guideline C and procedure 8A.
46. Collecting and Transporting a Wound Culture Specimen	12/17/23: Revised the title and made other minor edits. 1/19/24: Made minor edits to procedure 5.
47. Collecting a Capillary Blood Specimen by Fingertick	12/17/23: Made minor edits. 1/19/24: Made minor edit to procedure 8.
48. Animal-assisted Activities	12/17/23: Edited the definition and made other minor edits. 1/19/24: Made minor edits to “Criteria for Participating in Animal-assisted Activities” 5.
49. Care and Handling of Animals in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	12/17/23: Edited guideline for “Personal Pets in a Facility” A2 and made other minor edits.

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	1/19/24: Made minor edit to guideline A for “Personal Pets in a Facility.”
50. Reducing the Risk of Transporting Bed Bugs and Other Pests	12/17/23: Added content to “Home Environment Assessment” 1, edited “In the Vehicle and Office” 3, and added a section on “In a Facility Providing Hospice Care.” 1/19/24: Made minor edits to guideline B, “In the Patient’s Home with a Known Infestation” 6, and “In the Vehicle and Office” 3.
References	12/17/23: Deleted and moved all references to the applicable guideline.

ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS (Updated 8/26/23)	
Title	Changes
1. Standard Precautions	5/30/23: Edited the guideline, edited “Gown” 2A, deleted the “Gown Reused and Extended Use,” deleted the “Glove Reuse and Extended Use,” edited “Mouth and Nose Protection” 4, added 5, edited 10, deleted “Face Mask Reuse and Extended Use,” edited “Eye Protection 1, deleted content in “Eye Protection Reuse and Extended Use” and edited 1, deleted COVID-19 Vaccination PPE,” edited COVID-19 Testing PPE,” edited “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation” 1D and E, 2 and 3, updated the references and made other minor edits throughout.
2. Transmission-based Precautions	05/30/23: Made minor edits.
3. Airborne Precautions	05/30/23: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
4. Droplet Precautions	05/30/23: Deleted “Respiratory Protection” 2, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
5. Contact Precautions	05/30/23: Added guideline A, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.

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6. Enhanced Barrier Precautions	05/30/23: Edited guidelines A1 and 2, edited the procedures to address different care locations, and made minor edits throughout.
7. Caring for a Patient with a Multidrug-resistant Organism	05/30/23: Edited “When to Follow Standard Precautions vs. Contact Precautions” 4 and “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” 3.
8. Caring for a Patient with <i>C. diff</i> in the Home	05/30/23: Edited in full and updated the references.
9. Facility-based Hospice Care of a Patient with a <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection	1/10/23: Added content to 4 under “Environmental Control.” 05/30/23: Added the guidelines “When to Implement Contact Precautions,” “Hand Hygiene,” “Linen and Laundry,” “Care Coordination,” and “When to Discontinue Contact Precautions,” added “Patient Placement” 4, “Personal Protective Equipment” 4, “Environmental Controls” 1 and last sentence 5, and updated the references.
10. Universal Source Control Measures	05/30/23: Edited in full and updated the reference. 8/26/23: Edited procedure 2.
11. Patient Face Masking Considerations and Exemptions	05/30/23: New.
12. Identifying a Patient with a Potentially Communicable Illness	5/30/23: New (Replaces Screening Patients for COVID-19)
13. Patient Testing for COVID-19	05/30/23: Edited guidelines A and C in the first sentence and updated the references.
14. Caring for a Patient with COVID-19 in the Home	8/26/23: Edited “Hand Hygiene” procedures 1 A and C.
15. COVID-19: Aerosol-generating procedures	05/30/23: Edited the purpose, procedure 3B, made minor edits, and updated the references.
16. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Setting up for the Home Visit and Entering the Home	05/30/23: Edited the title and made minor edits throughout.

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17. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Removing the PPE and Exiting the Home	05/30/23: Edited the title and made minor edits throughout.
18. Facility-based Hospice Care for a Patient with COVID-19	5/30/23: Edited the guideline and “Visitor’s Core Infection Prevention and Control Principles” in full, edited “Environmental Control” 1, edited “Respiratory Protection” and deleted content, deleted content from “Eye Protection,” edited “Staff Assignment 1, “Animals in the Facility 1 and 2, and updated the references.
19. When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions for a Patient with COVID-19	05/30/23: Edited guideline A and six of 7 boxes, “procedure” 1, and updated the references.
20. Caring for a Patient with Mpox in the Home	5/30/23: Updated the references. 8/26/23: Edited “Hand Hygiene” procedure 1.
21. Caring for a Patient with Confirmed or Suspected Pandemic Influenza or Emerging Infectious Disease	1/10/23: Updated the references. 5/30/23: Updated the references. 8/26/23: Edited “Standard Precautions” procedure 1.
22. Pandemic Preparedness Plan and Managing an Influx of Infectious Patients	5/30/23: Updated the references.
23. Caring for a Patient with Zika Virus Disease	05/30/23: Updated the references.
24. Management of the Individual in the Home Suspected of Having Exposure to the Ebola Virus	1/10/23: Deleted the last sentence from the first paragraph of the guideline and updated the references. 05/30/23: Updated the references.
25. Appendix	
Forms	Changes
1. Sequence for Putting on Personal Protective Equipment	8/26/23: Deleted intro statement and edited 5B.
2. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option One	8/26/23: Deleted intro statement and edited the last sentence.
3. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option Two	8/26/23: Deleted intro statement and edited the last sentence.

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4. Management of MDROs in the Home and Facility-based Hospice Setting	
5. Criteria to Determine the Type of Isolation Precautions for a Patient with <i>C. diff.</i> or a Multidrug-Resistant Organism	8/26/23: Added the last sentence in the introduction paragraph and edited question 7.
6. Criteria to Determine the Type of Isolation Precautions for a Patient with <i>C. diff.</i> or a Multidrug-Resistant Organism	8/26/23: Added the last sentence in the introduction paragraph and edited question 7.
7. Pandemic Preparedness Self-Assessment	
8. Category A Bioterrorism Agents	

MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/20/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Medical Waste Management Administrative	7/7/23: Made minor edits. 9/20/24: Edited guidelines A, B, D, and E.
2. Categories of Waste	7/7/23: Added content to guidelines B, C, and D and made minor edits. 9/20/24: Edited guideline B and updated the reference.
3. Regulated Medical Waste Generated by Staff	7/7/23: Made minor edits. 9/20/24: Edited the purpose, added content to guidelines A1, A3-4, and A5i-iii. Deleted content, edited procedure 1, and updated the reference.
4. Disposal of Medical Waste Generated by Staff	7/7/23: Edited the purpose, added guidelines C and E, edited guideline D, edited procedures 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9, and added procedures 6 and 8. 9/20/24: Revised the title, edited the purpose, added content and fully revised guidelines A-E, and edited procedures 2 and 3.
5. Disposal of Material Suspected to Contain the Mpox Virus	7/7/23: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references. 9/20/24: Added content to the guideline, deleted content, edited procedures 1-4, and updated the references.
6. Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	7/7/23: Edited guideline B4, added guideline C, and made minor edits.

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MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/20/24)	
	9/20/24: Edited guideline A, B1, B2, C, and made other minor edits.
7. Sharps Waste Management	7/7/23: Edited the purpose and made minor edits to guideline D. 9/20/24: Edited the purpose, added guidelines B and D, edited procedure 4, and added a reference.
8. Disposal of Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	7/7/23: Edited procedures 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 and added procedures 4 and 7. 9/20/24: Revised the title, made minor edits to guidelines A-C, added guideline D, edited procedures 1, 3, and 4, made other minor edits, and added a reference.
9. Storage and Transport of Medical Waste from the Home in a Vehicle	9/20/24: New
10. Medical Waste Storage Area	7/7/23: Edited guidelines A-C. 9/20/24: Made minor edits to procedure 5.
11. On-Site Medical Waste and Sharps Storage Container	7/7/23: Made minor edits throughout. 9/20/24: Added content to the purpose, edited guideline A, edited procedure 2, and made minor edits to procedures 3 and 5.
References	7/7/23: Updated the references and moved them into the applicable guidelines.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN (Updated 9/22/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan Administrative	3/13/23: Made minor edits. 3/11/24: Edited and added content to guideline A, added content to “Exposure Definition” A, and updated the references. 9/22/24: Added content to “Responsibility” A and D, added content to “Exposure Definition” B, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
2. Exposure Determination	3/13/23: Updated the references. 3/11/24: Added content to “Occupational Exposure Classification” B2, added content to

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	“Tasks Contributing to Occupational Exposure” A6, and updated the references. 9/22/24: Added “Occupational Exposure Classifications” to B2, added “Tasks Contributing to Occupational Exposure” A6, and updated the reference.
3. Engineering and Work Practices Controls	3/11/24: Edited “Housekeeping” C last sentence, added content to “Transporting Lab Specimens and Blood Products,” edited “Labeling,” and updated the references. 9/22/24: Added content to “Transporting Lab Specimens and Blood Products” A, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
4. Personal Protective Equipment	3/13/23: Added guideline B, made minor edits, and updated the references. 3/11/24: Edited the guideline, made minor edits, and updated the references. 9/22/24: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
5. Post-exposure Management Records	9/22/24: New
6. Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan Evaluation	3/13/23: Made minor edits. 3/11/24: Made minor edits. 9/22/24: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
7. Recordkeeping	3/13/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 3/11/24: Added content to “Hepatitis B Vaccination Status” A and B, made minor edits, and updated the references. 9/22/24: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
References	3/13/23: Moved all references into the applicable guideline.
8. Appendix	
Forms	Form Changes
1. Sharps and Safety Device Evaluation	
2. Blood and Body Fluid Exposure	

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3. Sharps Injury Log	
4. Source Patient Blood Test Consent/Declination	

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN (Updated 9/12/24)	
Title	Changes
1. Administrative	12/24/23: Made minor edit in “Staff Members Included in the Respiratory Protection Program” Procedure B2 and other minor edits and updated the references. 9/12/24: Added content to guideline C and “Staff Members Included in the Respiratory Protection Program” A and B1, and updated the references.
2. Exposure Determination	12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 1/26/24: Added positions to “Occupational Exposure Classifications” B1. 9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
3. TB Risk Assessment Activities	12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits.
4. TB Risk Classification	12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits.
5. TB Screening Program	12/24/23: Edited “TB Screening for Low Risk Classification” A and B, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/12/24: Edited “TB Screening Procedures for Medium Risk Classification” A, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
6. Patient Identification and Management	12/24/23: Updated the references. 9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.

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7. Respiratory Protective Device	<p>12/24/23: Updated the link in “Criteria for Selecting a Respiratory Protective Device,” added “Respirator Shelf Life” section, deleted former 1 in “Respirator Availability,” made other minor edits, and updated the references.</p> <p>1/26/24: Updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p>
8. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Extended Use and Reuse	<p>12/24/23: Edited the purpose, Guidelines A-C, edited “Reuse” and “Extended Use” sections deleting and editing content, edited “Criteria for Reuse” and “Frequency for Reuse,” and updated the references.</p> <p>1/26/24: Added content to the purpose, guidelines A2 and C, “Reuse” C, “Criteria for Reuse” 3-6, “Frequency for Reuse” A, and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p>
9. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Storage and Disposal	<p>12/24/23: Added 3rd sentence to “Respirator Inspection and Maintenance,” edited “Criteria for Discarding” B and B5, made minor edits to “Respirator Storage” and “Disposal,” and updated the references.</p> <p>1/26/24: Added content to “Criteria for Discarding” A and “Respirator Storage” all sections.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p>
10. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	<p>12/24/23: Edited the purpose, guideline A, and procedures 1-2, added procedure 4, and updated the references.</p> <p>1/26/24: Edited the purpose.</p> <p>09/12/24: Edited in full and added new content.</p>
11. Fit Testing	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits to the purpose and guidelines A and B, added B to “Staff Conducting Fit Testing,” deleted the last</p>

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	<p>sentence of A, “Staff Requiring Fit Testing,” and added content to B “When to Perform Fit Testing,” made other minor edits, and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Added content to “Staff Conducting Fit Testing A, and “Staff Requiring Fit Testing A and B, made other edits, and updated the references.</p>
12. How to Perform Qualitative Fit Testing	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Added content to procedure #15, made other edits, and updated the references.</p>
13. User Seal Check	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Updated the references.</p>
14. Recordkeeping	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits.</p>
15. Mini Respiratory Protection Program	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p>
16. Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.</p> <p>9/12/24: Made minor edits.</p>
References	12/24/23: Moved all references into the applicable guidelines.
17. Appendix	
Forms	Changes
1. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	12/24/23: Edited the heading above question #1.
2. Verification of Qualitative Fit Test (QLFT)	
3. Voluntary Respirator Use	12/24/23: Edited the acknowledgement section.
4. TB Risk Assessment Tool	<p>12/24/23: Made minor edits.</p> <p>9/12/24: Edited the “Frequency of TB Screening Depending on Risk.”</p>

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM (Updated 9/8/23)	
Title	Changes
1. Health Screening	2/23/23: Edited guideline A, moved content to D, made minor edits to procedures 1-7, and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guidelines A, B, D, and E, edited procedure 6, added procedure 7E, made minor edits, and updated a reference.
COVID-19 Health Screening	8/4/23: Deleted.
CMS COVID-19 Vaccination	8/4/23: Deleted.
General COVID-19 Vaccination	8/4/23: Deleted.
Processing a Request for a Medical or Religious Exemption or Temporary Delay to the COVID-19 Vaccine	8/4/23: Deleted.
Documenting and Tracking COVID-19 Vaccination Status	8/4/23: Deleted.
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination	9/8/23: Edited in full.
3. Administering the Hepatitis B Vaccine	2/23/23: Made minor edit to procedure 1. 9/8/23: Edited guideline A, procedure 3, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program	2/23/23: Made minor job title edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.
5. Influenza Vaccination Acceptance	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
6. Administering the Influenza Vaccine	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guidelines B-D, procedures 2, 7, 10, and 11, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
7. Influenza Vaccination Declination	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guidelines A and B, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
8. Screening and Testing for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Infection	2/23/23: Revised the title, deleted content from guideline A, added content to B, edited C, and updated the references.

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	9/8/23: Edited guidelines A-D and edited procedures 1-5.
9. Administering and Interpreting the Tuberculin Skin Test	2/23/23: Edited guideline A, made other minor edits, and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guideline A and made minor edits.
10. Serial TB Testing	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guideline A, procedures 1-3, and made other minor edits.
11. <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Test or Symptom Evaluation Conversion	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.
12. Occupational Exposure to <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited guidelines A and B, edited procedures 2 and 3, and made minor edits.
13. Occupational Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids	2/23/23: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited procedure 1, made minor edits, and updated the references.
14. Occupational Exposure to the Zika Virus	2/23/23: Made minor edits. 9/8/23: Edited procedure 1 and updated the references.
15. Higher-risk Occupational Exposure to COVID-19	2/23/23: Revised the title, made minor edits, and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited the purpose, guideline A2, made minor edits, and updated the references.
16. Occupational Exposure to a Person with COVID-19	2/23/23: Edited all content up through procedure 1 and updated the references. 9/8/23: Edited the title, made minor edits, and updated the references.
17. COVID-19 Log	2/23/23: Edited guideline A, procedure 1, and minor edits to procedure 3.
18. COVID-19 Work Restrictions and Return to Work Criteria	2/23/23: Edited in full and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.

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19. COVID-19 Return to Work Criteria During Staffing Shortages	2/23/23: Edited in full and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.
COVID-19 Return to Work After Travel	8/4/23: Deleted.
20. COVID-19 Staffing Considerations	2/23/23: Edited in full and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.
21. General Work Restrictions	2/23/23: Edited guidelines B1 and 2. 9/8/23: Deleted procedure B and edited procedure 2.
22. Reporting a Work-related Illness or Injury to OSHA	2/23/23: Edited guideline A and procedures 1 and 2. 9/8/23: Edited procedure 4, made minor edits, and updated the references.
23. Occupational Latex Allergies	2/23/23: Made minor edits. 9/8/23: Made minor edits and updated the references.
24. Actions to Take After an Animal Bite in the Home	2/23/23: Made minor edits. 9/8/23: Edited guidelines A1 and A5 and made minor edits.
25. Staff Member Attire	2/23/23: Made minor edits to procedures 1 and 1E and deleted content. 9/8/23: Edited guideline F.
OSHA COVID-19 Plan	2/23/23: Deleted.
26. Preventing the Spread of Potentially Communicable Illnesses in the Workplace	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
References	2/23/23: Deleted and moved all references to the individual guideline.
28. Appendix	2/23/23: Edited the title of #12.
Forms	Changes
1. Health Screening	
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination Acceptance/Declination	9/8/23: Edited declination 3 rd and 4th bullets and made other edits.
3. Influenza Vaccination Acceptance/Declination	5/06/23: Added one word in the acceptance section and made a fillable PDF file. 9/8/23: Edited “Acceptance” bullet 2 and edited the “Declination” section and reasons.

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4. Immunization and TB Screening	9/8/23: Edited the subtitles and made minor edits.
5. Tuberculin Skin Test Record	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
6. Tuberculosis Symptom Evaluation & Risk Assessment	2/23/23: Edited 1I and added a signature line. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.
7. Observation Checklist for Placing a Tuberculin Skin Test	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
8. Observation Checklist for Reading a Tuberculin Skin Test	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
9. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Diseases and Conditions	2/23/23: Edited COVID-19 symptom-based strategy 3, edited COVID-19 time-based strategy, edited COVID-19 test-based strategy 3, added Cystic Fibrosis and Mpox, and updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.
10. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Conditions	2/23/23: Updated the references. 9/8/23: Made minor edits.
13. Occupational Illness & Injury Log	2/23/23: Edited 2A. 9/8/23: Made minor edits and edited all staff reporting criteria.
14. COVID-19 Staff Exposure Risk Assessment	2/23/23: Revised the title and made minor edits.
15. COVID-19: 14-Day Symptom Screen	
16. COVID-19 Log Form	
COVID-19 Vaccination Tracking Tool	8/4/23: Deleted.
Certification of COVID-19 Vaccination Status	8/4/23: Deleted.
Request for a Religious Exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement	8/4/23: Deleted.
Request for a Medical Exemption or Delay to the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement	8/4/23: Deleted.
Medical Certification for COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption or Temporary Delay	8/4/23: Deleted.

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Patient Education Title	Changes
1. Principles of Infection Prevention and Control Education	6/13/24: Edited in full and added a new reference.
2. General Infection Prevention and Control Strategies	6/13/24: Made minor edits to guideline A, edited procedures 1A, B, C, D, F, and H, and made other minor edits.
3. Antibiotic Stewardship	6/13/24: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedure 1E, F, and others, and updated the reference.
4. Cleaning and Disinfecting the Home	6/13/24: New.
5. Storage and Disposal of Home-generated Medical Waste	6/13/24: Made minor edits throughout and updated the references.
6. Laundry Management	6/13/24: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures 1, G, and H, added procedure I, made other minor edits, and updated the references.
7. Preparing a Dilute Bleach Solution	6/13/24: Made minor edits throughout, deleted content specific to COVID-19, and updated the references.
8. Preventing a Home Care-onset Skin and Soft Tissue Infection	6/13/24: Added content to procedures 2 through 5.
9. Preventing a Home Care-onset Respiratory Infection	6/13/24: Added content to procedures 2, 3A-E, and made other minor edits throughout.
10. Preventing a Home Care-onset Bloodstream Infection	6/13/24: Edited procedures 1A and C, made other minor edits throughout, and updated the reference.
11. Preventing the Spread of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> in the Home	6/13/24: Added content to guideline A, procedure 1A-F, 2 through 4, and updated the references.
12. Preventing a Home Care-onset Urinary Tract Infection	6/13/24: Added procedure 4A-C, deleted content, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
13. Preventing a Home Care-onset Urinary Tract Infection in a Patient with an Indwelling Catheter	6/13/24: New.
14. Preventing a Home Care-onset Infection During Enteral Therapy	6/13/24: Edited the purpose, added content to procedures 1D, 1G, 1M, 1N, 10, 1R, made

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	other minor edits throughout, and updated the reference.
15. Preventing a Mosquito-borne Illness	6/13/24: Added content to the purpose, guideline A, procedures 1A through C, EI, EII, EIV, EV, VI, and F, and updated the reference.
16. Preventing the Spread of a Respiratory Infection in the Home	6/13/24: Edited the title, added content to guideline A, edited all sections and added content, added a topic on when to discontinue isolation precautions, and updated the references.
Ending COVID-19 Home Isolation	6/13/24: Deleted.
17. Exposure to a Respiratory Infection	6/13/24: Edited the title and all content, and updated the reference.
18. Preventing the Spread of Mpox in the Home	6/13/24: Edited the title, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
19. Environmental Management for the Patient with Mpox in the Home	6/13/24: Edited the title, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
Patient Education References	6/13/24: All references were moved to the applicable guidelines.
Staff Education Title	Staff Education Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Training	6/13/24: Added content to the purpose, guidelines A1-8, B through D, edited procedure, 1G, 1I, 1M, 2A, 2C, 2E, 2K, and updated the references.
2. Antimicrobial Stewardship	6/13/24: Edited the content and updated the references.
3. Hand Hygiene	6/13/24: Added content to guideline A and made other minor edits.
4. Bloodborne Pathogens	6/13/24: Made minor edits.
5. Medical Waste and Sharps	6/13/24: Made minor edits and updated the references.
6. Preventing Sharps Injuries	6/13/24: Edited the guidelines and procedures 5 - 7, 11, and 12.
7. Cleaning and Disinfection Chemicals	6/13/24: Made minor edits.
8. Airborne Pathogens Requiring Respiratory Protection	6/13/24: Revised the title, edited guideline A1-3, made minor edits to the procedures, and updated the references.

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9. Preventing a Bloodstream Infection	6/13/24: Revised the title, added content to guidelines A1-2, edited all procedures, and updated the references.
10. Preventing the Spread of Antimicrobial-resistant Organisms	6/13/24: Revised the title, edited guideline A, and procedures 1A, 1C, 1G, and 1I.
11. Preventing the Spread of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	6/13/24: Edited guideline A, procedures 1, 2, and 4, and updated the references.
12. Preventing the Spread of Viral Respiratory Infections	6/13/24: Revised the title, added content to the purpose, and edited all content.
13. Preventing the Spread of Mpox	6/13/24: Revised the title, edited the guideline, and made other minor edits.
14. Preventing a Mosquito-borne Illness	6/13/24: Revised the purpose, added content to guidelines A and B, and procedures 1A-D.
15. Influenza Vaccination	6/13/24: Made minor edits.
16. Pandemic Preparedness Response Training	6/13/24: Made minor edits.
17. Preventing an Animal Bite when Making Home Visits	6/13/24: Made minor edits throughout.
18. Aide Training Program	6/13/24: Edited the guideline, procedure 1C, 1D, 1F through 1O, and updated the references.
19. Aide Competence Assessment in Infection Prevention and Control	6/13/24: Added content to guidelines A1-4 and B, procedures 1A-B, and 1F, and updated the references.
20. Staff Competence Assessment in Infection Prevention and Control	6/13/24: Edited guidelines A, A2, B1 and B5, procedures 1-3, and updated the references.
21. Hand Hygiene: Demonstrating Staff's Knowledge and Competence	6/13/24: Made minor edits throughout.
Staff Education References	6/13/24: Moved all references to the applicable guidelines.
Forms	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Skills Review	6/13/24: Made minor edits throughout.
2. Hand Hygiene Knowledge Assessment	6/13/24: Made minor edits.
3. Hand Hygiene Knowledge Assessment Answer Key	6/13/24: Made minor edits.

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Title	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes throughout and updated the references. 9/4/23: Made minor editorial changes. 12/16/24: Made minor editorial changes, added content to “Data Sources” #12, and updated the references.
2. Influenza Vaccination Rate Methodology	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 9/4/23: Made minor editorial changes. 12/16/24: Made minor editorial changes.
3. Calculating the Influenza Vaccination Rate	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program Evaluation	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 12/16/24: Made minor editorial changes.
5. Infection Prevention and Control Program Evaluation Activities	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 12/16/24: Made minor change to procedure #1E.
References	7/29/23: Deleted and moved references to the applicable guideline.
Forms	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Program Data Collection Matrix	7/29/23: Revised the title and made minor editorial changes. 9/10/23: Made minor edits. 12/16/24: Made minor edits to “Influenza Vaccination” Potential Data Sources.
2. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment Tool	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes, added a category to the “Acquisition and Transmission of MDROs or Organisms of Epidemiological Significance,” and added a category to “Community Risk.” 12/16/24: Made minor edits.
3. Infection Prevention and Control Program Targeted Goals	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes and updated the content. 9/4/23: Edited influenza vaccination rate goal. 12/16/24: Made minor edits.
4. Infection Prevention and Control Skills Review Data Summary	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 9/4/23: Made minor editorial changes.

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	9/10/23: 09/10/24: Made minor edits based on updates of surveillance definitions. 12/16/24: Made minor edits.
5. Influenza Vaccination Summary: 2024-2025 Influenza Season	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 9/4/23: Revised the title and edited declination reasons. 12/16/24: Revised the title and made minor edits.
6. Occupational Illness & Injury Data Summary	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes. 09/10/24: Made minor edits based on updates of surveillance definitions. 12/16/24: Made minor edits.
7. Infection Prevention and Control Program Targeted Goals Evaluation	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes and added content. 9/4/23: Edited influenza vaccination rate goal.
8. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary	7/29/23: Made minor editorial changes and updated the sites of infection.
9. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary Analysis	
10. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admissions and Other Exclusions Summary	7/29/23: New
11. Home Care & Hospice IPC Forms and Reference Documents	7/29/23: New 12/16/24: Revised the title.

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