

Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Program™

Summary of Recent Changes

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PLAN (Updated 2/21/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Section I: Infection Prevention and Control Program	02/21/25: Edited IPC Goals and Objectives 1B, C, E, G, H, I4, and 6, and edited the IPC Strategies 1, 1A-1G, 1I, and 2A-2C.
2. Section II: Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment	02/21/25: Edited IPC Risk Assessment 1, 2, 2I, 2M, edited Scope of Services 1 and 2, edited Service Duration and Location of Care, 1-2, and added 3, edited Patient Demographics 1, Patient Population Served 1, Specialty Patient Population Served 1, Patient Diagnosis 1, High-risk Patients 1, Treatments and Procedures Performed 1, Geographic Location Served, Community Environment and Health Indicators for the Counties Served 1, Medical Devices, Equipment or Supplies 1, and Soft Surface item bullets 3 and 9, added Semicritical Items, bullet 11, edited Occupational Exposures and Risks 1, and edited Epidemiologically Important Issues D.
3. Section III: Strategies to Minimize, Reduce, or Eliminate the Prioritized Risks	02/21/25: Edited Evidence-based IPC Operating Guidelines 1 and 1C, edited IPC Strategies 1 and 1E, and 2A-2B, edited Staff Strategies for Prevention and Controlling Infection Transmission 1 and 1C, and edited Strategies for Preventing and Controlling Infection Transmission in the Office Environment 1, 1B, 1E, and 1I.
4. Section IV: Structure and Resources for the Infection Prevention and Control Program	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.

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	02/21/25: Edited Organization-wide Collaboration section, IPC Program Management 1, edited Governing Body IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1, 1A, 1C, 1F-H i-iv, edited Administrator IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1, 1A-B, F, edited Clinical Manager IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1, 1A-1G, 1I-LI, III, V, and VI. Edited Infection Preventionists Duties and Responsibilities 1, 1A, 1C, 1E, 1G-1O. Edited Patient Care Providers/Field Staff IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1, 1A, 1C, 1F, and 1H. Edited Integration into IPC activities 1 and 1D, and IPC Oversight 1, 2A-D, and 3.

SURVEILLANCE, IDENTIFICATION, AND REPORTING OF INFECTIONS (Updated 3/30/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Home Care and Hospice Surveillance Activities	3/30/25: Edited the title and guidelines A, C-E, and updated the references.
2. Identifying a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	3/30/25: Edited the definitions for Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection, Healthcare Facility-onset Infection, Community-onset Infection, Repeat Infection Timeframe, procedures #3-5, and updated the reference.
3. Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	3/30/25: Edited guidelines A1-5, procedures #1C, 2-4, 7-8, and updated the reference.
4. Calculating the Metrics for a Home Care-onset Infection Incidence Rate	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
5. Collecting Denominator Data for Device-associated Infections	3/30/25: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
6. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Urinary Tract Infection	3/30/25: Edited procedures #1-6 and 8-10.
7. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection	3/30/25: Edited guidelines 1A, B, C1-2, D, and procedures #1-8, 12, and updated the references.
8. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Skin and Soft Tissue Infection	3/30/25: Made minor edits and updated the reference.

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9. Collecting and Aggregating Patient Surveillance Data	3/30/25: Edited guideline A and procedures #2-9.
10. Analyzing a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	3/30/25: Edited procedures #1-5.
11. Outbreak Surveillance Activities	3/30/25: Edited guideline A and procedures #3-9.
12. Criteria for Internal Reporting of Infections	3/30/25: Edited guidelines A3 and 5 and procedures #1-5.
13. Criteria for External Reporting of Infections	3/30/25: Edited guidelines A-3c and procedures #1-2.
14. Contacting Public Health Agencies	3/30/25: Edited guideline A and procedure #1.
15. Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	3/30/25: Edited the purpose, guidelines B1-4, C-E, and procedures #1 and 3-5.
16. Monitoring Infection Prevention and Control Processes	3/30/25: Minor edits in the guidelines and procedures #1, 3, and 4.
17. Surveillance Appendix	3/30/25: Edited the titles for 1-3, 5, 8, 1-12, 14, and deleted 16.
Forms	Form Changes
1. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Definitions	3/30/25: Updated the references, edited the key surveillance terms, and the BSI (CLABSI and non-CLABSI), COVID-19, ABUTI, and home health and FBHC CA-SUTI surveillance definitions.
2. Outcome Measures to Calculate a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	3/30/25: Edited the infusion therapy, MDRO, and general home care& hospice formulations.
3. Process Measures to Calculate Compliance with Infection Prevention Activities	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
4. Outcome Measures to Calculate Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
5. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Surveillance Worksheet	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
6. Urinary Tract Infection Surveillance Worksheet	3/30/25: Edited #5 and 11-13.

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7. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Surveillance Worksheet	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
8. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Line List	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
9. Catheter-associated Symptomatic Urinary Tract Infection Line List	3/30/25: Revised the title and edited the headings.
10. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Line List	3/30/25: Edited the instructions and made other minor edits.
Surveillance Denominators	3/30/25: Deleted.
11. Home Care & Hospice Monthly Surveillance Report	3/30/25: Revised the title, edited the list of sites of infection, and made other minor edits.
12. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Report Summary	3/30/25: Revised the title, edited the list of sites of infection, and made other minor edits.
13. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
14. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections Summary	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
15. Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Transfer Summary	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
16. Multidrug-resistant Organism and <i>C. difficile</i> Prevalence and Incidence Log	3/30/25: Made minor edits.
State-specific List of Reportable Diseases/Conditions and Reporting form(s)	3/30/25: Deleted.

HAND HYGIENE (Updated 5/19/25)	
Title	Changes
Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene guidelines	Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene guidelines
1. Hand Hygiene Plan	5/19/25: Edited guideline A1-4, and procedures #1 A-J.
2. Indications for Hand Hygiene	5/19/25: Edited guideline A, procedures #1 C-F, 3B, 4, and 6, and updated the references.

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3. Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	5/19/25: Edited the purpose, guideline A, procedures #1-5, and updated the references.
4. Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	5/19/25: Edited the guideline, procedures #1-2, and 4-8.
5. Hand Hygiene Products	5/19/25: Edited the purpose and made minor edits to “Alcohol-based hand hygiene product A1” and “Soap A-B.”
6. Hand Hygiene Supplies	5/19/25: Edited the purpose, made minor edits to guidelines B, C1, and C4, and “Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents” A and B5.
7. Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	5/19/25: Made minor edits to the purpose, “Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancements” B and “Jewelry A.”
8. Hand Care Program	5/19/25: Edited guideline A and made minor edits to procedures #1A-Ciii.
9. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	5/19/25: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines B-C, and updated the references.
10. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	5/19/25: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, E-G, H1-6, I1-2, 4-5, and 8.
Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines
1. WHO Hand Hygiene Plan	5/19/25: Edited guideline A1-4, and procedures #1 A-J.
2. WHO Indications for Hand Hygiene	5/19/25: Updated the references.
3. WHO Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	5/19/25: Edited the purpose, procedures #1, 3-5, and updated the references.
4. WHO Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	5/19/25: Edited the guideline, procedures #1-2, and 4-8.
5. WHO Hand Hygiene Products	5/19/25: Edited the purpose and made minor edits to “Alcohol-based hand hygiene product A1” and “Soap A-B.”
6. WHO Hand Hygiene Supplies	5/19/25: Edited the purpose, made minor edits to guidelines B, C1, and C4, and “Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents” A and B5.

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7. WHO Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	5/19/25: Made minor edits to the purpose, “Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancements” B and “Jewelry A.”
8. WHO Hand Care Program	5/19/25: Edited guideline A and made minor edits to procedures #1A-Ciii.
9. WHO Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	5/19/25: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines B-C, and updated the references.
10. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	5/19/25: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, E-G, H1-6, I1-2, 4-5, and 8.
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 minor edits.
2. Selecting a Disinfectant	1/12/24: Added content to procedures C and H and made minor edits.
3. Soft Surface Sanitizing	1/24/24: Edited guideline A.
4. Medical Equipment: Noncritical Items	1/12/24: Added content to procedures #2 and 4 and 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	1/24/24: Edited guidelines A and C.
8. Portable Electronic Devices: Electronic Visit Verification	1/12/24: Added content to procedures #2 and 3 and made minor edits.
9. Principles of Bag Technique	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,

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	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. 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	8/30/24: Edited the title, revised guideline B, and updated procedures #1, 2, 3A, B, and D, along with the reference.
12. Equipment and Supplies Management When the Home Care Bag is not Brought into the Home	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.
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.

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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.
33. Appendix	
Form	Form Changes
1. Medication and Vaccine Refrigerator Temperature Log	1/12/24: No changes.
2. Food Refrigerator Temperature Log	1/12/24: No changes.
3. Temperature and Humidity Log	1/12/24: No changes.
4. Troubleshooting Record	1/12/24: No changes.
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	1/19/24: Deleted procedure #1D, made minor edits, and deleted a reference.
3. Wound Care	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 minor edits to procedures #1A-I, and deleted a reference.
5. Venous Access Device and Phlebotomy: Skin Antisepsis	1/19/24: Added content to guideline A and procedures #1-4 and updated the references.
6. Venous Access Device: Changing the Dressing	1/19/24: Added content to guidelines B-E and procedures #5 and 8, and updated the references.

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7. Needleless Connector Disinfection Technique	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	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	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	1/19/24: Added content to guideline A and edited procedure #1.
11. Venous Access Device: Flushing and Locking	1/19/24: Edited and added content to guideline C, edited procedure #1, added content to procedures #4, 6-9, and updated the references.
12. Central Venous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	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	1/19/24: Added content to guideline A6, and edited procedure #1.
14. Removing a Nontunneled Central Venous Catheter	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	1/19/24: Added content to procedures #1, 4, 5, and 7 and updated the references.
16. Subcutaneous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	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	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	1/19/24: Edited guideline E and procedures #3, 7, 10, and 12, added content to 4, and updated the references.

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19. Single and Multi-dose Vials	1/19/24: Minor edits to guideline A and procedure #1, and updated the references.
20. IV Push Medication Preparation and Administration	1/19/24: Added content to procedures #3, 6, and 7 and updated the references.
21. Patient Vaccination	1/19/24: Edited guideline C and procedure #5.
22. Medication and Vaccine Storage	1/19/24: Edited procedure #4.
23. Refrigerator Temperature Monitoring	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	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	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 minor edits, and updated the references.
29. Preventing Lower Respiratory Tract Infection: Oral Care	1/19/24: Made a minor edit to guideline A.
30. Enteral Therapy	1/19/24: Edited procedures #2 and 3.
Urinary Tract Care	12/17/23: Deleted.
31. Indwelling Urinary Catheter Indications	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
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

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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	1/19/24: Made minor edits to procedures #2 and 9.
45. Collecting and Transporting a Specimen from the Upper Respiratory Tract	1/19/24: Edited minor edits to guideline C and procedure #8A.
46. Collecting and Transporting a Wound Culture Specimen	1/19/24: Made minor edits to procedure #5.
47. Collecting a Capillary Blood Specimen by Fingertick	1/19/24: Made minor edit to procedure #8.
48. Animal-assisted Activities	1/19/24: Minor edits to “Criteria for Participating in Animal-assisted Activities” 5.
49. Care and Handling of Animals in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	1/19/24: Minor edit to guideline A for “Personal Pets in a Facility.”
50. Reducing the Risk of Transporting Bed Bugs and Other Pests	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.

ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS (Updated 8/27/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Identifying a Patient with a Potentially Communicable Disease	8/27/25: Edited guidelines B1-3, C, and updated the references.
2. Standard Precautions	8/27/25: Edited guideline A, “When to Implement” #7, “Gown” #1, 3-5, “Gloves” #12, “Mouth and Nose Protection” #4-6, 8, 10-12, “Eye Protection” #1, 3-4, “Eye Protection Reuse” #1-3, 5, “Covid-19 Testing & PPE” #1, “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation” #1A-B, 2A-F, 3, “Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette” #1-2, “Patient Care Equipment &

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	PPE" #1C, "Care of the Environment" #1, "Safe Injection Practices" #1A, E, G-H, "Post-mortem Care" #1, B-C, and updated the references.
3. Transmission-based Precautions	8/27/25: Edited guidelines A2, B4-D, F, and updated the references.
4. Airborne Precautions	8/27/25: Edited guidelines A-B, "When to Discontinue" #1, "Respiratory Protection" #1, "Patient Care Practices" #1, "Staff Assignment" #1-3, "Visitors" #2-4, "Patient Placement" #1A-B, 2-3, and updated the references.
5. Droplet Precautions	8/27/25: Edited guideline A, "When to Implement" #2F, "When to Discontinue" #1, "Patient Placement" #1, 2A-E, "Respiratory Protection" #1, "Staff Assignment and Visitors" #2, and updated the references.
6. Contact Precautions	8/27/25: Edited guideline A, "When to Implement" #1S, "Patient Placement" #1A-C, 2C, "Patient Transport" #1-4, "Environmental Measures" #1, 2A, 2C, 2E-F, "When to Discontinue" #3, and updated the references.
7. Enhanced Barrier Precautions	8/27/25: Edited all sections and updated the references.
8. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Setting up for the Home Visit and Entering the Home	8/27/25: Edited all sections.
9. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Removing the PPE and Exiting the Home	8/27/25: Edited all sections.
10. Caring for a Patient with a Multidrug-resistant Organism	8/27/25: Edited the purpose, guidelines A-D, "When to Follow Standard Precautions vs. Contact Precautions" #2-3, 5, "When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions" #3-4, and updated the references.
11. Caring for a Patient with <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection in the Home	8/27/25: Edited the purpose, guideline A, "When to Implement Contact Precautions" #1, "Hand Hygiene" #2, "Personal Protective

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	Equipment” #1, 3, “Equipment and Environmental Measures” #1, 2, “Elimination” #1-2, “Education” #1-5, and updated the references.
12. Facility-based Hospice Care of a Patient with a <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection	8/27/25: Edited the purpose, guideline A, “When to Implement Contact Precautions” #1, “Patient Placement” #1-3, “Hand Hygiene” #1-4, Personal Protective Equipment” #1-5, “Environmental Control” #1-2, 4-8, and updated the references.
13. Caring for a Patient with COVID-19 in the Home	8/27/25: Edited “Respiratory Protection” #1, 3-4, “Gown and Gloves” #1, “Hair and Shoe Covers” #2, “Equipment and Supply Management” #1, “Companion Animals in the Home” #1, and updated the references.
14. Personal Protective Equipment and Aerosol-generating procedures	8/27/25: Edited the title, purpose, guideline A4-6, procedures #1-3B, 4, 7, and updated the references.
15. Source Control Measures	8/27/25: Edited the title, purpose, guidelines A-D2, procedures #1-6, and updated the references.
16. Patient Face Masking Considerations and Exemptions	8/27/25: Edited the purpose and all sections, and updated the reference.
17. Facility-based Hospice Care for a Patient with a Viral Respiratory Infection	8/27/25: Edited the title, purpose, guideline, “Visitors’ Core Infection Prevention and Control Principles” 1A, 1E, 2, 4, “Environmental Controls” 2, 3B, G, “Patient Placement in the Facility” 1-3, “Personal Protective Equipment” 2-3, “Respiratory Protection” 1-2, “Eye Protection” 1-2, “Gown and Gloves” 1, “Hand Hygiene” #2, “Equipment and Supply Management” 1, “Patient Discharge or Transfer from the Facility” #3, “Post-mortem Care” 1-2, “Staff Assignment” #1 and 3, “Animals in the Facility” 1-3, and updated the references.
18. Facility-based Hospice Care and Patient Testing for COVID-19	8/27/25: Edited all sections.

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11. When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions for a Patient with COVID-19	8/27/25: Edited guideline A-B, and updated “Symptom-based and Test-based Strategies for Lab-confirmed COVID-19 Patient with Mild to Moderate Illness who is <i>not</i> Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised,” edited the definition of severe illness, and test-based strategy for “Lab-confirmed COVID-19 Patient with Severe to Critical Illness who is Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised,” and test-based strategy for “Lab-confirmed COVID-19 Patient <i>without</i> Symptoms and who is <i>not</i> Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised,” edited 1B for “Empiric Transmission-based Precautions for Symptomatic Patient Suspected of Having a SARS-CoV-2 Infection, Isolation Precautions for a Patient Suspected of Having COVID-19 Rebound,” and updated the reference.
12. Caring for a Patient with Mpox	8/27/25: Revised the title, edited the guideline “Staff Assignment” 4-5, “Patient Placement in the Home” 2, 4, and 6, “Patient Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care” 1-7, “Personal Protective Equipment” 1-3, “Medical Waste Management” 1-3, and updated the references.
13. Caring for a Patient with Confirmed or Suspected Pandemic Influenza or Emerging Infectious Disease	8/27/25: Edited the purpose, quarantine definition, “Isolation in the Home” 1-2, 4, “Staff Assignment” 1-2, “Patient Placement in the Home,” 1, 2A, “Patient Placement for Facility-based Hospice Care” 1, “Eye Protection” 1, “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” 1, and updated the references.
14. Pandemic Preparedness Plan and Managing an Influx of Infectious Patients	8/27/25: Edited the purpose, introduction A-C, “Mitigation” #6, “Mitigation Measures” A, “Preparedness Planning for Surge Capacity” A, “Education and Training” #4, “Resource Management” A-B, made minor edits

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	throughout all sections of the Pandemic Phases and Actions to Take, “Staffing Resources” A, “Durable Resources” A, made minor edits through “Responding to and Recovering from an Influx of Infectious Patients,” “Risk Communication and Prevent Messaging” A, “Transportation” A, “Sanitation” B, “Recovery and Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Plan” A, and updated the references.
15. Caring for a Patient with a Mosquito-borne Disease	8/27/25: Edited the title, purpose, guidelines A-B, procedures #1-4, and updated the references.
16. Management of the Individual in the Home Suspected of Having Exposure to a Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	8/27/25: Edited the title, purpose, guidelines A-D, made minor edits in all sections, and updated the references.
17. Appendix	8/27/25: No changes.
Forms	Changes
1. Sequence for Putting on Personal Protective Equipment	8/27/25: Updated the reference.
2. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option One	8/27/25: Updated the reference.
3. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option Two	8/27/25: Updated the reference.
4. Management of MDROs in the Home and Facility-based Hospice Setting	8/27/25: No changes.
5. Criteria to Determine the Type of Isolation Precautions for a Patient with <i>C. diff.</i> or a Multidrug-Resistant Organism	8/27/25: Updated the references.
6. Pandemic Preparedness Self-Assessment	8/27/25: No changes.
7. Category A Bioterrorism Agents	8/27/25: No changes.

MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/13/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Medical Waste Management - Administrative	9/13/25: Edited guidelines B, E, and F.

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MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/13/25)	
2. Categories of Waste	9/13/25: Edited guidelines B and D3.
3. Regulated Medical Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/25: Edited the purpose and procedure #1.
4. Disposal of Medical Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/25: Edited the purpose, guidelines F and G, and procedure #4.
5. Disposal of Material Suspected to Contain the Mpox Virus	9/13/25: Edited the guideline and updated the references.
6. Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/25: Edited guidelines A, B1-2, and C, and updated the reference.
7. Sharps Waste Management	9/13/25: Edited the purpose, guidelines A-C, E-F, H, procedure #3, and updated the references.
8. Storage and Disposal of Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/25: Edited the title and procedure #5.
9. Storage and Transport of Medical Waste from the Home in a Vehicle	9/13/25: No changes.
10. Medical Waste Storage Area	9/13/25: Edited guidelines A and B, and procedure #2.
11. On-Site Medical Waste and Sharps Storage Container	9/13/25: Edited procedures #1A and 1E, 3, and 3A.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN (Updated 9/8/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan - Administrative	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
2. Exposure Determination	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
3. Engineering and Work Practices Controls	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
4. Personal Protective Equipment	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
5. Post-exposure Management Records	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
6. Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan Evaluation	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.
7. Recordkeeping	9/8/25: Made minor edits and updated the references.

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8. Appendix	9/8/25: No changes.
Forms	Form Changes
1. Sharps and Safety Device Evaluation	9/8/25: Made minor edits.
2. Blood and Body Fluid Exposure	9/8/25: Made minor edits.
3. Sharps Injury Log	9/8/25: Made minor edits.
4. Source Patient Blood Test Consent/Declination	9/8/25: No changes.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN (Updated 9/6/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Administrative	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
2. Exposure Determination	9/6/25: Edited the purpose, and “Tasks Contributing to Occupational Exposure” A2 and 4.
3. TB Risk Assessment Activities	9/6/25: No changes.
4. TB Risk Classification	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
5. TB Screening Program	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
6. Patient Identification and Management	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
7. Respiratory Protective Device	9/6/25: Edited “Criteria for Selecting a Respiratory Protective Device” A1 and A3, made minor edits, and updated the references.
8. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Extended Use and Reuse	9/6/25: Edited the purpose, guidelines A2, B, and C1, “Reuse” B, added a “Storage” section, and updated the references.
9. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Storage and Disposal	9/6/25: Edited “Respirator Inspection and Maintenance” A, deleted content, added “Non-disposable Respirator Cleaning” content, added “Criteria for Discarding” B, and updated the references.
10. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
11. Fit Testing	9/6/25: Edited the purpose, added content to “Staff Requiring Fit Testing” C, edited “When to Perform Fit Testing” A and B, edited “Required Ongoing Fit Testing” A1, made minor edits, and updated the references.

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12. How to Perform Qualitative Fit Testing	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
13. User Seal Check	9/6/25: Edited the purpose, guideline A, and made minor edits.
14. Recordkeeping	9/6/25: Edited “Fit Testing Records” A, and “Education Records” A.
15. Mini Respiratory Protection Program	9/6/25: Edited guidelines A1 and D, made minor edits, and updated the references.
16. Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
17. Appendix	9/6/25: No changes.
Forms	Changes
1. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
2. Verification of Qualitative Fit Test (QLFT)	9/6/25: Made minor edit.
3. Voluntary Respirator Use	9/6/25: Made minor edits.
4. TB Risk Assessment Tool	9/6/25: Updated the link for the State TB statistics and made minor edits.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM (Updated 02/14/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Health Screening	02/14/25: All sections were edited, and the references were updated.
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination	02/14/25: Made minor edits to guideline A1-3, edited in full procedures #1-2A-C, and made minor edits to procedures #3-6.
3. Administering the Hepatitis B Vaccine	02/14/25: Made minor edits to the guideline and edited procedures #1, 2, 4, and 6.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program	02/14/25: Edited in full and updated the references.
5. Influenza Vaccination Acceptance	02/14/25: Edited guideline A and procedure 1, and made minor edits throughout.
6. Administering the Influenza Vaccine	02/14/25: Edited guidelines A-D and procedures #1 and 3-11 and updated the references.
7. Influenza Vaccination Declination	02/14/25: Edited guidelines A-E and procedure #2 and updated the references.

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8. Screening and Testing for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Infection	02/14/25: Edited guidelines A-D and procedures #1A, B1, 2B, 3, 4A, 5A, 6, and 7, and updated the references.
9. Administering and Interpreting the Tuberculin Skin Test	02/14/25: Edited guideline A-B and made minor edits to procedures #3, 4, 5B, and 6.
10. Serial TB Testing	02/14/25: Edited guideline A1-2 and procedures #1-2.
11. <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Test or Symptom Evaluation Conversion	02/14/25: Minor edits to guidelines B, C, D, D1, and D3.
12. Occupational Exposure to <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	02/14/25: Edited guideline A, minor edits to guideline B, and procedures #1-6C.
13. Occupational Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids	02/14/25: Edited guidelines A and B3 and procedures 1, 3-7.
14. Occupational Exposure to the Zika Virus	02/14/25: Edited guideline A, procedures #1-9, and updated the references.
15. Higher-risk Occupational Exposure to COVID-19	02/14/25: Edited in full and updated the references.
Occupational Exposure to a Person with COVID-19	02/14/25: Deleted.
16. COVID-19 Log	02/14/25: Edited guideline A-B, procedures #1-5, and updated the references.
17. Work Restrictions and Return to Work Criteria for Staff with a Suspected or Confirmed Respiratory Viral Infection	02/14/25: New.
18. General Work Restrictions	02/14/25: Edited in full and added a reference.
19. Reporting a Work-related Illness or Injury to OSHA	02/14/25: Edited guidelines A-D, procedures #1, 4, and 5, and updated the references.
20. Occupational Latex Allergies	02/14/25: Edited guideline A and procedures #1-5 and 7.
21. Actions to Take After an Animal Bite in the Home	02/14/25: Edited procedures #1-4F, and added a reference.
22. Staff Member Attire	02/14/25: Edited guideline A and procedures #1A-E.
OSHA COVID-19 Plan	2/23/23: Deleted.
23. Preventing the Spread of Potentially Communicable Illnesses in the Workplace	02/14/25: Edited in full.

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28. Appendix	2/14/25: Added the title of #4, and deleted #14.
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	9/8/23: Edited “Acceptance” bullet 2 and edited the “Declination” section and reasons.
4. COVID-19 Vaccination Status	02/14/25: New.
5. Immunization and TB Screening	9/8/23: Edited the subtitles and made minor edits.
6. Tuberculin Skin Test Record	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
7. Tuberculosis Symptom Evaluation & Risk Assessment	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
8. Observation Checklist for Placing a Tuberculin Skin Test	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
9. Observation Checklist for Reading a Tuberculin Skin Test	9/8/23: Made minor edits.
10. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Diseases and Conditions	02/14/25: Added numerous restrictions and content, made minor edits, and updated the references.
11. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Conditions	02/14/25: Added numerous restrictions and content, made minor edits, and updated the references.
12. Occupational Illness & Injury Log	9/8/23: Made minor edits and edited all staff reporting criteria.
13. COVID-19 Staff Exposure Risk Assessment	2/23/23: Revised the title and made minor edits.
14. COVID-19 Log Form	9/8/23: No changes.
PATIENT AND STAFF EDUCATION (Updated 6/13/24)	
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.

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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, 1O, 1R, made 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.

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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.
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 procedures #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.
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.

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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, procedures #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.
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.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (Updated 04/09/25)	
Title	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program	4/9/25: Edited all sections and updated the references.
2. Vaccination Rate Methodology	4/9/25: Edited the title and made minor edits.

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3. Calculating the Influenza Vaccination Rate	4/9/25: Edited guideline A and B, and other minor edits.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program Evaluation	4/9/25: Edited guideline A and procedures #2-5.
5. Infection Prevention and Control Program Evaluation Activities	4/9/25: Edited guidelines A and B, and procedure #1A-E.
Forms	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Program Data Collection Matrix	4/9/25: Edited all sections, except "Prevention of Home Care-Onset Patient Infection Event."
2. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment Tool	4/9/25: Edited the surveillance events, hand hygiene, medical equipment & supplies, occupational exposure to pathogens, potential for pathogens, community risk, administrative, and IPU sections.
3. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Competency Assessment Summary	4/9/25: Revised the title and all content.
4. Influenza Vaccination Summary: 2024-2025 Influenza Season	4/9/25: Revised the title and made minor edits.
5. Home Care & Hospice Occupational Illness & Injury Data Summary	4/9/25: Edited all sections.
6. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Program Goals	4/9/25: Edited all content.
7. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Program Targeted Goals Evaluation	4/9/25: Revised the title and edited all content.
8. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admissions and Other Exclusions Summary	4/9/25: Made minor edits.
9. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary	4/9/25: Revised the title, edited the list of sites of infection, and made other minor edits.
10. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary Analysis	4/9/25: Made minor edits.
11. Home Care & Hospice IPC Forms and Reference Documents	4/9/25: Updated the Surveillance, Occupational Health Program, and QAPI sections.

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