

Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Program®

Summary of Recent Changes

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PLAN (Updated 8/26/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Section I: Infection Prevention and Control Program	1/21/26: Made minor edits to IPC Goals, Objectives 1I4, and IPC Strategies 2B. 8/26/26: Made minor edits to IPC Goals.
2. Section II: Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment	1/21/26: Made minor edits to Scope of Services 1 and 3, Service Duration and Location of Care 3, Patient Diagnoses 3, High-risk Patients, Geographic Location Served 1D, J, and M, Community Environment and Health Indicators for the Counties Served 1I, Medical Devices, Equipment or Supplies 1 (Noncritical Items), Medical Waste, and Evaluation of the Patient and Environment 1E and F. 8/26/26: Made minor edits to the High-risk Patients 1B and Treatment and Procedures Performed I.
3. Section III: Strategies to Minimize, Reduce, or Eliminate the Prioritized Risks	1/21/26: Made minor edits to Evidence-based IPC Operating Guidelines 1A-B and E, IPC Strategies for Minimizing Infection Risks and Occupational Exposures 1D and 2A-B, Strategies for Preventing and Controlling Infection Transmission in the Office Environment 1A, 1C, and 1H. 8/26/26: Made minor edits to Evidence-based IPC Operating Guidelines 1C and 1E.
4. Section IV: Structure and Resources for the Infection Prevention and Control Program	1/21/26: Made minor edits to Organization-wide Collaboration 1A and C, Governing Body IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1C, D-G, Hii, Administrator IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1A-G, Clinical Manager IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1B-G, I, K, LI, IV, VI, VII, Infection Preventionist Duties and Responsibilities 1A, C, E, G, H, J, K, and N, Patient Care Providers/Field Staff IPC Duties and Responsibilities 1A-D, F, H, Integration into IPC activities 1B, D, and IPC Oversight 2, 2A-C, and 3.

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	8/26/26: Made minor edits to the Infection Preventionist Duties and Responsibilities J and L, deleted Governing Body Duties and Responsibilities F, and made minor edits to G.

SURVEILLANCE, IDENTIFICATION, AND REPORTING OF INFECTIONS (Updated 8/14/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Home Care and Hospice Surveillance Activities	7/22/26: Edited guidelines A and B. 8/14/26: Edited guideline C and updated the references.
2. Identifying a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	7/22/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #4 and updated the references. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to HAI definition, HCO-HAI A and C, healthcare-facility-onset infection A, community-onset infection A, and RIT A, procedures #2 and 6, and updated the references.
3. Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	7/22/26: Made a minor edit to the purpose, guidelines A2 and A6, and procedure #5. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A1, B2-3, and 5-7, and procedures #1D and 1E, 4, and 6-8.
4. Criteria for Selecting and Collecting Patient Surveillance Data	3/31/26: New. 8/14/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
5. Calculating the Metrics for a Home Care-onset Infection Incidence Rate	3/31/26: Added content to guideline A and made minor edits to procedure #4. 8/14/26: Edited guideline A and procedures #1-4.
6. Collecting Denominator Data for Device-associated Infections	3/31/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1B, 2-5, and updated the reference. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1BI, 4, 5, and 5C.
7. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Urinary Tract Infection	7/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2 and 3C. 8/14/26: Edited procedures #2, 3, 3C, 5, 11, and updated the reference.

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8. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection	7/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #6, 10, and 11. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines A and C, and procedures #1, 3, 8, and 10.
9. Conducting Surveillance Activities for a Skin and Soft Tissue Infection	7/22/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines A-C, and procedures #2-7. 8/14/26: Made edits to the purpose, guidelines C, C1-2, and procedures #4-5.
10. Collecting and Aggregating Patient Surveillance Data	7/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline B, procedure #6, and updated the reference. 8/14/26: Made edits to guideline B and procedures #1 and 7-8.
11. Analyzing a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	7/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #4 and 7. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1B and 1F-G.
12. Outbreak Surveillance Activities	7/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #3. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to guideline B and procedures #1D-E, #5, and added content to #2.
13. Criteria for Internal Reporting of Infections	3/31/26: Made minor edits to guideline A3, and procedures #2, 4-5. 8/14/26: Made edits to guidelines A1, A3, and A5, and procedure #5.
14. Criteria for External Reporting of Infections	7/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A1a-b and A3b. 8/14/26: Edited the purpose and guidelines A1 and A3a-c.
15. Contacting Public Health Agencies	7/22/26: Edited guideline A. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedure #1.
16. Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	7/22/26: Edited guideline D and made a minor edit to procedure #1. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines B1I, BIV, C3, and D, and procedure #6.
17. Monitoring Infection Prevention and Control Processes	7/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A. 8/14/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #1.

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18. Evaluating the Surveillance Program	3/31/26: New. 7/22/26: Made minor edits.
19. Surveillance Appendix	7/22/26: Edited titles of #5 and 14. 8/14/26: Edited #3 and added #4.
Forms	Changes
1. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Definitions	7/22/26: Made minor edits to “Key Surveillance Terms” #1, CLABSI Exclusion criteria #1 and 5, CDI notes #1 # of days, Gastroenteritis criteria #1 examples, <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection notes #1, Coronavirus Disease 2019 first checkbox and #2, Skin and Soft Tissue Infection first sentence and added additional examples to notes #1, and Home Health or Facility-based Hospice Care Symptomatic Urinary Tract Infection C and notes #3. 8/14/26: Added intro section, edited HCO-HAI #1, made minor edits to CLABSI and updated the exclusion criteria, added content to criteria #1 and 3; updated CDI intro statement and made minor edits to notes #1, 2, and 4; made minor edits to gastroenteritis 2E, Coronavirus Disease 2019 first two criteria, Influenza criteria and updated the reference; made minor edits to LRI #1D; made minor edits to SSTI criteria 2A, notes #1 and 4; edited HH/FBHC UTI CA-SUTI criteria #2 and notes #2 and 3; edited UTI C and notes #2 and 3, Home Hospice SUTI C, and CA-SUTI A-C; and made other minor edits.
2. Outcome Measures to Calculate a Home Care-onset Healthcare-associated Infection	7/22/26: Edited Infusion Therapy CLABSI Incidence Rate denominator and Expressed As, second and fourth CLABSI incidence rate Denominator, Non-CLABSI incidence rate Denominator, Wound Care SSTI Surveillance Events, Numerator, and Expressed As, Respiratory Therapy Tracheostomy Tube Surveillance Event and Expressed As, Enteral

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	<p>Therapy feeding tube Surveillance Event, MDRO Prevalence Surveillance Event, and COVID-19 Surveillance Event, Numerator and Expressed As.</p> <p>8/14/26: Edited Infusion Therapy CLABSI Incidence Rate and Expressed As, second CLABSI incidence rate Numerator and Expressed As, Non-CLABSI incidence rate Numerator and Expressed As; Venous Infection Expressed As; second UTI Numerator, Urine cultures ordered Numerator; added a note to UTI treatment ratio, edited the note in Numerator, and Expressed As, edited the note, second sentence under Wound Care; Respiratory Therapy 3rd and 4th Expressed As; Enteral Therapy 1st surveillance event Expressed As and 2nd surveillance event Numerator; MDRO Prevalence Surveillance Event title, and Expressed As; CDI treatment ratio Numerator and Expressed As, <i>C. diff.</i> incidence rate Expressed As, CDI treatment prevalence Expressed As; COVID-19 confirmed cases Expressed As, COVID-19 incidence rate Numerator; General Home Care and Hospice Incidence Rate Numerator and Denominator; Antimicrobial starts all sections; and Infections Present on Admission Expressed As.</p>
3. Process Measures to Calculate Compliance with Infection Prevention Activities	<p>7/22/26: Made minor edits to Hand Hygiene Expressed As, Hand Hygiene Numerator, Isolation Precautions, Standard Precautions and Transmission-based Precautions Numerators and Denominators, and Procedure-associated Aseptic Technique and Cleaning, Sanitizing, or Disinfecting Numerator and Denominators.</p> <p>8/14/26: Made minor edits to Hand Hygiene Adherence Expressed As, and IP Hand Hygiene Expressed As.</p>

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4. Outcome Measures to Calculate Occupational Health Surveillance Activities	7/22/26: Made minor edits to the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Surveillance Event and Expressed As, edited the needlestick injuries Expressed As, edited the non-percutaneous exposure Expressed As, and made minor edits to the COVID-19 Numerator and Expressed As. 8/14/26: Made minor edits to the <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Expressed As, all sections of percutaneous injuries, Non-percutaneous exposure Numerator, staff illness Expressed As, and COVID-19 Numerator and Expressed As.
5. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Surveillance Worksheet	7/22/26: Made minor edits to #2B, #3, and 5. 8/14/26: Edited items #1 and 2B.
6. Urinary Tract Infection Surveillance Worksheet	7/22/26: Edited items #4, 5, and 11. 8/14/26: Edited items #4, 12, and 14.
7. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Surveillance Worksheet	7/22/26: Made a minor edit to item #6. 8/14/26: Edited item #7.
8. Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection Line List	8/14/26: Edited the instructions and last 2 lines.
9. Catheter-associated Symptomatic Urinary Tract Infection Line List	8/14/26: Edited the instructions.
10. Skin and Soft Tissue Infection Line List	7/22/26: Edited the instructions and the column indicating whether criteria were met. 8/14/26: Edited the instructions.
11. Home Care & Hospice Monthly Surveillance Report	7/22/26: Edited the site of infection: BSI and SSTI. 8/14/26: Edited the site of infection: BSI.
12. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary	7/22/26: Edited the year and added a different section for the year, and edited the site of infection: BSI, SSTI, and Gastroenteritis. 8/14/26: Edited the site of infection: BSI and SSTI.
13. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Excluded Infections	7/22/26: Edited the instructions, moved two criteria from POA to Other Excluded Infections, and added a cross-reference to SSIs.

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	8/14/26: Edited Other Excluded Infections #2 and 3.
14. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Exclusions Summary	7/22/26: Edited the instructions, moved two criteria from POA to Other Excluded Infections, and added a cross-reference to SSIs. 8/14/26: Edited Other Excluded Infections #2 and 3.
15. Home Care Infection Prevention and Control Transfer Summary	7/22/26: Edited section I title, edited section II and the names of two MDROs, non-tunneled catheter, implanted catheter, and negative pressure wound therapy device. 8/14/26: Edited name and title of person receiving report, MDRO section, and made minor edits to section V.
16. Multidrug-resistant Organism and <i>C. difficile</i> Prevalence and Incidence Log	7/22/26: Edited two major headings and <i>C. diff.</i> heading. 8/14/26: Edited POA and newly identified headings.

HAND HYGIENE (Updated 8/3/26)	
Title	Changes
Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Policies based on CDC Hand Hygiene Guidelines
1. Hand Hygiene Plan	2/12/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1A, C, G, H, and J. 8/3/26: Made a minor edit to guideline A1.
2. Indications for Hand Hygiene	2/12/26: Made minor edits to the guideline, procedures #1, 4, and 6, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2 and 5.
3. Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	2/12/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1 and 4, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made edits to procedures #4-5 and updated the references.
4. Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	2/12/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2, 3, 5, and 6, and updated the references.

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	8/3/26: Updated the references.
5. Hand Hygiene Products	2/12/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, "Soap" A-C, "Hand Lotion or Cream" A, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to "Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product" #1-2 and updated the references.
6. Hand Hygiene Supplies	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guideline B, "Towels" A, edited "Management of Product Dispensers" A, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to guidelines C1-2, "Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents" B1, and "Management of Product Dispensers" A.
7. Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	2/12/26: Edited "Nail Length" A, "Nail Polish" A, made minor edits to "Jewelry" A, "Hand and Forearm Bandages, Casts and Splints, and Skin Conditions" B and C, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made a minor edit to "Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancers" B.
8. Hand Care Program	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1A, B, and Ci, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Edited the purpose and made minor edits to procedures #1Ci and ii.
9. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	2/12/26: Updated the references. 8/3/26: Made a minor edit to guideline A and updated the references.
10. Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, C, D, E, H2, I1, and I5, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits in guidelines A, D, I8-9 and updated the references.
Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines	Policies based on WHO Hand Hygiene Guidelines
1. WHO Hand Hygiene Plan	2/12/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1A, C, G, H, and J. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to guideline A1 and procedure #1B.

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2. WHO Indications for Hand Hygiene	2/12/26: Made minor edits to the guideline, procedures #1, 9, and 11, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 2, 2B, 2H, and 6 and updated the references.
3. WHO Hand Hygiene Using an Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1, 2, and 4, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made edits to procedures #2, 4-5 and updated the references.
4. WHO Hand Hygiene Using Soap and Water	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A and B, and procedures #2, 3, 5, 6, and 8. 8/3/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #3.
5. WHO Hand Hygiene Products	2/12/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, "Soap" A-C, "Hand Lotion or Cream" A, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to "Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product" #1-2 and updated the references.
6. WHO Hand Hygiene Supplies	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guideline B, "Towels" A and B, edited "Management of Product Dispensers" A, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to guidelines C1-2, "Home Care Bag Hand Hygiene Contents" A-B, and "Management of Product Dispensers" A.
7. WHO Other Hand Hygiene Considerations	2/12/26: Edited "Nail Length" A, "Nail Polish" A, made minor edits to "Jewelry" and "Hand and Forearm Bandages, Casts and Splints, and Skin Conditions" B, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made a minor edit to "Artificial Fingernail Extenders or Enhancers" B.
8. WHO Hand Care Program	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1B and E, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Edited the purpose, guideline A, and procedures #1Ci and ii.

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9. WHO Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guidelines C, D, E, G, H2, I1, and I5, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
10. WHO Alcohol-based Hand Hygiene Product Storage and Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	2/12/26: Made minor edits to guidelines C, D, E, G, H2, I1, and I5, and updated the references. 8/3/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, D, I8-9 and updated the references.
Forms	Changes
1. CDC vs. WHO Hand Hygiene Guideline Comparison	2/12/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 8/3/26: Made minor edits throughout.
CLEANING AND DISINFECTION (Updated 9/22/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Principles of Cleaning and Disinfection	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A, B, E-G, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited guideline G and updated the references.
2. Selecting a Disinfectant	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-C, E-L, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, C, I, and J and updated the references.
3. Soft Surface Sanitizing	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-B, made minor edits to “Wipe Method” and “Spray Method,” and updated the references. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
4. Medical Equipment: Noncritical Items	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B, procedures #2 and 4, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Added guideline B, edited guideline C, and made a minor edit to procedure #3.
5. Vital Sign Equipment and Management	2/8/26: Edited guideline B and made minor edits to all other sections. 9/22/26: Edited guideline B, “Sphygmomanometer” D, “Stethoscope” D, “Thermometer” A and F, “Pulse Oximeter” C, and “Vital Sign Equipment Management” A.

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6. Electronic Medical Equipment Used by Patients	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B, and procedures #2 and 5. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline B.
7. Portable Electronic Devices: Laptop Computer, Tablet, and Peripherals	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-C, F-G, procedure #3, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines B and C, procedures #1-3, and updated the reference.
8. Portable Electronic Devices: Electronic Visit Verification	2/8/26: Made minor edits in all sections. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B and procedures #1 and 4.
9. Principles of Bag Technique	2/8/26: Made minor edits in all sections. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to “Bag Management” C and “Surface Barrier” A4-6.
10. Cleaning and Sanitizing the Home Care Bag	2/8/26: Made minor edits in guidelines A-C and procedures #1-4 and 7. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A1, 2, and 3e, and updated the references.
11. Core and Supplementary Contents in the Home Care Bag	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1E and 2, and updated the reference. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #1E and updated the reference.
12. Equipment and Supplies Management when the Home Care Bag is not Brought into the Home	2/8/26: Edited “Equipment and Supplies to Bring into the Home” #2 and #3F, and “Purpose and Guidelines” 4-6. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #3 and updated the references.
13. Children’s Toys and Rehabilitation Equipment	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-C, F, G, added D-E, and edited procedures #1-2. 9/22/26: Edited guideline A, made a minor edit to procedure #1, and updated the reference.
14. Medical Bed Mattress Cover	2/8/26: Made minor edits to all sections and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1 and 4.
15. Cleaning and Disinfecting Eye Protection	2/8/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 1A-C, and E, and updated the references.

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	9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1B-C and 1E.
16. Cleaning and Disinfecting a Half Mask Respirator	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1-7. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #2.
17. Cleaning and Storing a Bath Basin	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A, A1-2, and B, procedures #1-5, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedure #4.
18. Medical Equipment: Semicritical Items	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-C and updated the reference. 9/22/26: Deleted guideline B, procedures #2 and 4, and updated the reference.
19. Point-of-Care Device: Prothrombin Monitoring Device	2/8/26: Edited guideline A, procedures #2-4, 6, 7, and 9, and added 10-11. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
20. Point-of-Care Device: Hospice Inpatient Unit Blood Glucose Meter	2/8/26: Moved from Patient Care Practices section and made minor edits throughout. 9/22/26: Edited guidelines B and C.
21. Medical Equipment: Critical Items	2/8/26: Edited guideline B, made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #5-7, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited guideline B and updated the references.
22. Linen Handling, Storage, and Cleaning	2/8/26: Edited guideline A, procedures #1-2, 6-8, 8A-C, F-K, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited the purpose, procedures #8F, 8G, 8Ja, and updated the references.
23. Cleaning Spills of Non-regulated Medical Waste	2/8/26: Edited the purpose, guideline A, procedures #2-4, 7, and 9, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #7.
24. Cleaning Spills of Medical Waste on a Hard, Non-porous Surface	2/8/26: Edited guideline B, made minor edits to guideline A, and procedures #1-3, 5, 7, and 9. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #3 and 5-7.
25. Cleaning Spills on a Porous Surface	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1-5.

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	9/22/26: Edited procedures #5-6 and added a reference.
26. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in the Home	2/8/26: Edited guideline A and made minor edits to guidelines B-D, procedure #1, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedure #2.
27. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	2/8/26: Edited guidelines A-H, procedures #5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 32-42, and made minor edits to others. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines F and H and procedures #13, 14, 28, and 42.
28. Cleaning Environmental Surfaces in an Office Setting	2/8/26: Added a guideline introduction, edited guidelines B1-3, C, and procedures #1, 2, 2B-D, and made minor edits to procedures #2E and G. 9/22/26: Edited guideline B, added introductory comments before the procedure section, and edited procedures #2, 2E, and 2G.
29. Storage of Patient Care Supplies in a Vehicle	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1E, 2, 3C, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #2, 3B, 3C, and 3E.
30. Inspecting and Maintaining Patient Care Equipment and Supplies Stored in a Vehicle	2/8/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1-3. 9/22/26: Edited the title, purpose, and procedure #2.
31. Medical Equipment and Supply Storage	2/8/26: Made minor edits in all sections and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited “Shelf Stock and Storage in an Office or Facility” #4, 7, and 9, “Equipment Storage in the Office or Facility” 1C and 2, and updated the references.
32. Labeling a Secondary Cleaning Product Container	2/8/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B, and edited procedures #1, 6-8. 9/22/26: Edited guidelines A-B, procedures #1 and 4-9, and updated the references.

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33. Cleaning a Refrigerator	2/8/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1-2, and 5-7. 9/22/26: Edited the purpose and procedures #1, 4, 8, and 9.
34. Appendix	2/8/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
Form	Changes
1. Medication and Vaccine Refrigerator Temperature Log	2/8/26: Made minor edits to the last sentence and added the year. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to the last sentence in the instructions.
2. Food Refrigerator Temperature Log	2/8/26: Made minor edits to the last sentence and added the year. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to the last sentence in the instructions.
3. Temperature and Humidity Log	2/8/26: Made minor edits to the "Instructions" and added the year. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to the humidity range and the instructions.
4. Troubleshooting Record	2/8/26: Made minor formatting edits. 9/22/26: Made minor edits in the "Description of the Problem."
5. Equipment and Supplies Storage: Vehicle Inspection Checklist	2/8/26: Made minor formatting edits to the PPE section. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit in the "Home Care Bag" section.
PATIENT CARE PRACTICES (Updated 10/16/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Sterile Equipment and Supplies	10/16/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
2. Aseptic Technique	10/16/26: Edited guidelines A-C.
3. Wound Care	10/16/26: Edited guideline A2, added "Personal Protective Equipment" C and edited #3, edited "Changing the Dressing" #4, edited "Equipment and Supply Management" #1 and 7, added #4-5, and updated the references.

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4. Wound Cleansers and Irrigation Solutions: Selection and Use	10/16/26: Edited the title, guidelines A-E, and procedures #1-7.
5. Venous Access Device and Phlebotomy: Skin Antisepsis	10/16/26: Edited guidelines B-C and updated the references.
6. Venous Access Device: Changing the Dressing	10/16/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B, E, procedures #2, 4, and 5, and updated the references.
7. Needleless Connector: Disinfection Technique	10/16/26: Edited guideline B, procedures #2-4, and updated the references.
8. Needleless Connector Disinfection Technique: Disinfection Cap	10/16/26: Edited guideline A, procedures #2 and 6, and updated the reference.
9. Needleless Connector: Indications and Frequency for Changing	10/16/26: Added guideline A6 and updated the reference.
10. Needleless Connector: Clamping and Disconnecting Sequence	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, made minor edits to procedures #1, 1Bi and 1Bii, and updated the reference.
11. Venous Access Device: Flushing and Locking	10/16/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1, 2, 7, and updated the references.
12. Central Venous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, made minor edits in guidelines K and M, and updated the references.
13. Central Venous Access Device: Evaluation and Criteria for Removal	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guideline B6, and procedures #1 and 3.
14. Removing a Nontunneled Central Venous Catheter	10/16/26: Edited guideline A, made minor edits to guideline B2-6, procedures #2, 4, 10, 13, 14, and updated the reference.
15. Peripheral Venous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	10/16/26: Made a minor edit to guideline A, deleted procedure #2, edited procedure #3, and updated the references.
16. Subcutaneous Access Device: Infection Prevention Strategies	10/16/26: Edited procedures #2-5, 12-13, and updated the references.
17. Infusion Therapy Equipment and Supplies	10/16/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 6, 19, and updated the references.
18. Collecting Blood for Culture and Other Tests	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines B1, B2, and F, made minor edits to procedures #1, 3, 7, 9-11, and 14-15, and updated the references.

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19. Single and Multi-dose Vials	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines A, D, D2, E, and F, procedure #2, and updated the references.
20. IV Push Medication Preparation and Administration	10/16/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #3, 7, 20, edited procedures #8, 23-24, and updated the references.
21. Patient Vaccination	10/16/26: Edited guideline A, made a minor edit to B, edited procedures #2-5, 7-9, made minor edits to procedures #10 and 12A, and updated the references.
22. Medication and Vaccine Storage	10/16/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1B, 1F, 6-8, and updated the reference.
23. Refrigerator Temperature Monitoring	10/16/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, edited and added content to procedures #1B, 6, 7, 9-11, and updated the reference.
24. Medication Storage During Transport to the Home	10/16/26: Edited guideline A and procedures #1A, 1C, 1F, 2, and 3.
25. Vaccine Storage During Transport	10/16/26: Edited guidelines A and B, procedures #1-7, and updated the reference.
26. Medication Storage in the Patient's Home	10/16/26: Made minor edits to the purpose and edited procedures #2, 4, and 5.
27. Hospice Inpatient Unit Point-of-Care Device: Blood Glucose Meter	10/16/26: Edited guidelines B-C and E, procedures #1, 3, 5, 7, and updated the references.
28. Respiratory Therapy	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, made a minor edit to guideline A, procedures #2-3, "Oxygen Therapy" #1, 3, 4-6, "Mechanical Ventilator" #1, 4, 6, "Tracheostomy Tube" #1-2, "Suctioning" #1, 2, 4, 5-7, "Nebulizer" #1-3, "Metered Dose Inhaler" #1, and updated the references.
29. Preventing Lower Respiratory Tract Infection: Oral Care	10/16/26: Edited guideline A and procedures #2-5, and 7-11.
30. Enteral Therapy	10/16/26: Edited procedures #4-8, 10, 14, 16, 18-20, and updated the references.
31. Indwelling Urethral Catheter Indications	10/16/26: Made minor edits to the title, definition, guidelines A, B1, B2, B5, and updated the references.

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32. Alternatives to Indwelling Catheterization for Bladder Management	10/16/26: Edited guidelines A2, A3, A3c-d, 4, 5, 5a-c, 6, and updated the references.
33. Selecting an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines D and F, and updated the references.
34. Inserting an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	10/16/26: Edited guidelines B-E, G, I, J, and updated the reference.
35. Managing an Indwelling Urethral Catheter	10/16/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, edited guidelines B2, C, D, F, G, and updated the references.
36. Performing Periurethral Catheter Care	10/16/26: Edited guidelines A, C-E, procedures #2E-F, and updated the references.
37. Managing a Urine Collection Drainage Bag	10/16/26: Edited guidelines B-D, H, and updated the references.
38. Managing Urine Collection Drainage Using a Leg Bag	10/16/26: Edited procedures #2D, 2E, 2H, 2I, and updated the references.
39. Suprapubic Catheter Site Care	10/16/26: Edited procedures #3, 6, 7, 10, and 13.
40. Suprapubic Catheter Exchange	10/16/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-D, procedures #4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, and updated the reference.
41. Indications for Collecting a Urine Specimen: Urine Culture Stewardship	10/16/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, edited guideline C, and updated the references.
42. Collecting and Transporting a Urine Specimen	10/16/26: Edited the purpose; guideline D; “In and Out” Catheter #3-5; “Midstream Clean Catch Specimen” #2, 3, 5; “Using an Indwelling Urethral Catheter” #1, 10, and 11; and updated the references.
43. Collecting and Transporting a Stool Specimen	10/16/26: Edited the purpose and procedures #1, 1B, 1C, and 8.
44. Collecting and Transporting a Rectal Swab	10/16/26: Edited the purpose and procedures #2-4, and 8.
45. Collecting and Transporting a Specimen from the Upper Respiratory Tract	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines A, B, D, made minor edits to procedures #4, 5B, 7, 8A, 12-13, and updated the references.
46. Collecting and Transporting a Wound Culture Specimen	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, guideline A, procedures #13-15, and updated the reference.

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47. Collecting a Capillary Blood Specimen by Fingertick	10/16/26: Edited #3, 7, and 9, and updated the references.
48. Animal-assisted Activities	10/16/26: Made a minor edit to “Animal Restrictions” A4, edited “Criteria for Participating” B1, B6, B8, made a minor edit to “General Infection Control Measures” #5 and 8, and updated the references.
49. Care and Handling of Animals in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	10/16/26: Edited the purpose, edited “Guidelines for Service Animals” C, “Guidelines for Animal Encounters” A, “Guidelines for Personal Pets” A1, 4, 6, “Infection Control Measures” A, and updated the references.
50. Reducing the Risk of Transporting Bed Bugs and Other Pests	10/16/26: Edited guideline A, “Protective Equipment” #1, 1A, 1C-E, “Before the Home Visit” #2, “Patient Assessment” #1, “Home Environment Assessment” #1, 1A, 1C, 1E, 2, “In the Patient’s Home” #1-3, “After the Home Visit” #1, 4, 6-9, “In the Vehicle” #1-3, and updated the reference.
51. Managing Bed Bugs in a Facility Providing Hospice Care	10/16/26: New.

ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS (Updated 7/30/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Identifying a Patient with a Potentially Communicable Disease	7/19/26: Made minor edits to guidelines B1, B3, and C.
2. Standard Precautions	7/19/26: Edited the purpose, made minor edits to “When to Implement” #3, 7, “Gown” #1, 2, 4, “Gloves” #1, 3, “Eye Protection” #2-3, “Eye Protection Reuse” #1-4, “COVID-19 Testing & PPE” #1, “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation” #2C-D, 3, “Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette” #2-3, “Patient Care Equipment & PPE” #1C, “Safe Injection Practices” #1D, H-J, L, “Post-mortem Care” #2B-D, and 3, and updated the references.

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3. Transmission-based Precautions	7/19/26: Edited guideline B, made minor edits to guidelines D-G, and updated the references.
4. Airborne Precautions	7/19/26: Deleted guideline B, made minor edits to “When to Implement” #1F, 1J, and 3, “Respiratory Protection” #1, “Staff Assignment” #1, “Patient Placement” #1C, 2-3, and updated the references.
5. Droplet Precautions	7/19/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, “When to Implement” #1Y and 3D, added #2, “Patient Placement” #1, 2A-C, and updated the references.
6. Contact Precautions	7/19/26: Made minor edits to “When to Implement” #1NN, 2-3F, “Patient Placement” #1B, C, deleted last sentence, “Gown and Gloves” #2-3, “Patient Care Equipment” #1, “Environmental Measures” #1, 2B, 2E, and updated the references.
7. Enhanced Barrier Precautions	7/19/26: Edited guideline A1, added content to #4, made minor edits to #5, added guideline B, “When implementing in the home” #1, and “When implementing EBP in a facility providing hospice care” #1 and 5.
8. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Setting up for the Home Visit and Entering the Home	7/19/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1-3A, H, 4-6, and 10.
9. Implementing Transmission-based Precautions: Removing the PPE and Exiting the Home	7/19/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 2, 6-9, and 11-12.
10. Caring for a Patient with a Multidrug-resistant Organism	7/19/26: Made minor edits to “When to Follow Standard Precautions vs. Contact Precautions” #3J, 4-5, “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” #1, and updated the references.
11. Caring for a Patient with <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection in the Home	7/19/26: Made minor edits to “When to Implement Contact Precautions” #1, “Elimination” #1, 2B, “Education” #2, “Care Coordination” #1, “When to Discontinue

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	Contact Precautions” #1, and updated the references.
12. Facility-based Hospice Care of a Patient with a <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> Infection	7/19/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, “When to Implement Contact Precautions” #1, “Patient Placement” #3-4, “Hand Hygiene” #1, 5, “Personal Protective Equipment” #1, 6, “Environmental Control” #2, 4, 8, “Care Coordination” #1, “When to Discontinue Contact Precautions” #1, and updated the references.
13. Caring for a Patient with COVID-19 in the Home	7/19/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, “Respiratory Protection” #2, “Eye Protection” #2, “Hair and Shoe Covers” #2, and “Hand Hygiene” #1. 7/30/26: Made a minor edit to “Respiratory Protection” #4.
14. Personal Protective Equipment and Aerosol-generating Procedures	7/30/26: Made a minor edit to the purpose, added procedure #2, and made minor edits to procedures #3A-B and 6.
15. Source Control Measures	7/30/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines A, B1, C, and D1A-C, and procedures #2, 3, and 7.
16. Patient Face Masking Considerations and Exemptions	7/19/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A and A4.
17. Facility-based Hospice Care for a Patient with a Viral Respiratory Infection	7/19/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guideline, “Visitors’ Core Infection Prevention and Control Principles” 1A-B, 1E, 2, 4, “Environmental Controls” 3C, “Patient Placement in the Facility” 1, 3, “Respiratory Protection” 1, “Eye Protection” 1, “Gown and Gloves” 1, “Hand Hygiene” 1, “Equipment and Supply Management” 2, “Patient Discharge or Transfer from the Facility” 1, 3, “Post-mortem Care” 1, “Staff Assignment” 1, and “Animals in the Facility” 2.
18. Facility-based Hospice Care and Patient Testing for COVID-19	7/30/26: Moved content and made minor edits to guidelines A, C-D, procedures #3-4, and updated the references.

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19. When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions for a Patient with COVID-19	7/19/26: Edited procedure #1.
20. Caring for a Patient with Monkeypox	7/19/26: Edited the purpose, guideline #1, “Staff Assignment” #1, 5, “Patient Placement in the Home” #3, 6, “Patient Placement in a Facility Providing Hospice Care” #3, 6, “Hand Hygiene” #1, “Personal Protective Equipment” #1, 3, “Waste Management” #3, “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” #1, “Patient Education” #1, and updated the references.
21. Caring for a Patient with Confirmed or Suspected Pandemic Influenza or Emerging Infectious Disease	7/19/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, added a definitions section, made minor edits to “Isolation in the Home” #3, “Staff Assignment” #1-2, “Standard Precautions” #1, “Respiratory Protection” #1, “Eye Protection” #1, “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” #1, “Patient Transport” #1, and “Linen, Dishes, and Eating Utensils” #1.
22. Pandemic Preparedness Plan and Managing an Influx of Infectious Patients	7/19/26: Made minor edits to “Introduction” A, “Mitigation Measures” A, “Resource Management” A, C, “Pandemic Phase” 2E, I, J, D2F, and 4J, “Staffing Resources” A and A8, “Patient Management” A-B, C, “Communication and Reporting System” A-C, “Risk Communication and Pre-event Messaging” B, “Transportation” A, “Sanitation” A-B, and updated the references. 7/30/26: Made minor edits to “Staffing Resources” A and A8, and “Prepandemic Phase” 2I.
23. Caring for a Patient with a Mosquito-borne Disease	7/19/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedure #3, and updated the references.
24. Management of the Individual in the Home Suspected of Having Exposure to a Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	7/19/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines A-D, “Person Suspected of Having a VHF” introduction, “Before the Home Visit” #1, “During a Home Visit” #1-3, 8, 11, 14-16,

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	"Personal Protective Equipment" #1-2, and updated the references.
25. Identifying and Managing Scabies	7/19/26: New.
26. Appendix	7/19/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 7/30/26: Edited the title of #5.
Forms	Changes
1. Sequence for Putting on Personal Protective Equipment	7/19/26: Made minor edits.
2. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option One	7/19/26: Made minor edits.
3. Sequence for Removing Personal Protective Equipment: Option Two	7/19/26: Made minor edits.
4. Management of MDROs in the Home and Facility-based Hospice Setting	7/19/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
5. Criteria for Determining the Type of Isolation Precautions for a Patient with <i>C. diff.</i> or a Multidrug-resistant Organism	7/19/26: Edited the title and updated the references.
6. Pandemic Preparedness Self-Assessment	7/19/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
7. Category A Bioterrorism Agents	7/19/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/20/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Medical Waste Management - Administrative	9/13/26: Edited guidelines A, E, added D, and made minor edits.
2. Categories of Waste	9/13/26: Edited guidelines C and D2, made minor edits, and updated the reference.
3. Regulated Medical Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/26: Made minor edits and updated the reference.
4. Disposal of Medical Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, C1-3, E-F, procedure #3, and added a reference.
5. Disposal of Material Suspected to Contain the Monkeypox Virus	9/13/26: Edited the purpose, guideline A, procedures #1-2, and updated the references. 9/20/26: Edited the title, purpose, and procedure #3.
6. Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/26: Edited guideline B and made minor edits.

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MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Updated 9/20/26)	
7. Sharps Waste Management	9/13/26: Edited guidelines B-F, procedures #1 and 3, and updated the references.
8. Storage and Disposal of Sharps Waste Generated by Staff	9/13/26: Edited guidelines A-B and procedures #1 and 6.
9. Storage and Transport of Medical Waste from the Home in a Vehicle	9/13/26: Edited guideline A and procedure #1.
10. Medical Waste Storage Area	9/13/26: Edited guideline A, procedure #1, and made other minor edits.
11. On-Site Medical Waste and Sharps Storage Container	9/13/26: Edited guideline A and procedures #1E and 4-5.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN (Updated 8/28/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan - Administrative	8/28/26: Made edits to “Responsibility” A2, B, and D and “Exposure Control” A.
2. Exposure Determination	8/28/26: Made minor edits to “Occupational Exposure Classifications” A-C, added B to “Tasks Contributing to Occupational Exposure,” and added a reference.
3. Engineering and Work Practices Controls	8/28/26: Made minor edits to “Housekeeping” A-B and added D, “Collecting Lab Specimens” A, “Labeling” A, and updated the references.
4. Personal Protective Equipment	8/28/26: Made edits to guidelines A-B, “Definition” A-B, “Selecting Safety Devices” A, A1, A3-4, A6, A8, B, and updated the references.
5. Post-exposure Management Records	8/28/26: Made minor edits to “Exposure Control Records” A3-4, B, B1-2, E, “Sharps Injury Log” A and B3v, and updated the references.
6. Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan Evaluation	8/28/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A and A1, 3, and procedures #1-3, and updated the reference.
7. Recordkeeping	8/28/26: Made edits to “Education Records” B, “Hepatitis B Vaccination Status” B, “Accessibility” A, “Transfer of Records” A, and updated the references.

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8. Appendix	8/28/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
Forms	Changes
1. Sharps and Safety Device Evaluation	8/28/26: Made minor edits to the Instructions.
2. Blood and Body Fluid Exposure	8/28/26: Made minor edits to “Type of Exposure” and “Source Information.”
3. Sharps Injury Log	8/28/26: Made minor edits in the “Instructions,” “Type of Exposure,” “Exposure Information,” “Source Information,” and “Exposed Person’s Bloodborne Pathogen Training.”
4. Source Patient Blood Test Consent/Declination	8/28/26: Made minor edits in the Introductory Statement and Acknowledgement Statement.

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN (Updated 9/20/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Administrative	9/6/26: Updated the references. 9/20/26: Made a minor edit to “Staff Members Included in the Respiratory Protection Program” and updated the references.
2. Exposure Determination	9/6/26: Made minor edits to “Occupational Exposure Classifications” A-B and edited “Tasks Contributing to Occupational Exposure” A1. 9/20/26: Made a minor edit to “Occupational Exposure Classifications” A.
3. TB Risk Assessment Activities	9/6/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
4. TB Risk Classification	9/6/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
5. TB Screening Program	9/6/26: Edited “TB Screening Procedures for Low Risk Classification” A, C2, E3, and F, “TB Screening Procedures for Medium Risk Classification” A, and updated the references.
6. Patient Identification and Management	9/6/26: Edited “Persons at Higher Risk for Infection with <i>M. tuberculosis</i> ” A and F, and updated the references.

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7. Respiratory Protective Device	9/6/26: Made minor edits and updated the references. 9/20/26: Made a minor edit to the purpose.
8. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Extended Use and Reuse	9/6/26: Edited guideline B, "Extended Use" A and B2, "Criteria for Reuse" 8, "Frequency for Reuse" A, "Storage" A-B, and updated the references.
9. Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirator Storage and Disposal	9/6/26: Edited the purpose, made minor edits throughout, and updated the references.
10. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	9/6/26: Edited guidelines A-B, procedures #2, 4, and 6, and updated the references.
11. Fit Testing	9/6/26: Edited the purpose, "Required Ongoing Fit Testing" A3, made minor edits, and updated the references. 9/20/26: Made minor edits to "Staff Requiring Fit Testing" B1 and procedures #9-10, 13, and 15-16.
12. How to Perform Qualitative Fit Testing	9/6/26: Made minor edits to the guideline, and edited procedures #1, 7-9, and 14-15.
13. User Seal Check	9/6/26: Edited the "How to Properly Remove the Filtering Facepiece Respirator" #2 and updated the references.
14. Recordkeeping	9/6/26: Edited "Fit Testing Records" A, "Education Records" B-C, "Exposure Control Records" C, "Transfer of Records" A, and updated the references. 9/20/26: Edited "Exposure Control Records" C and updated the references.
15. Mini Respiratory Protection Program	9/6/26: Added the "Regulatory basis" section, made minor edits to guidelines A3, D, and updated the references. 9/20/26: Edited the "Regulatory basis" section, guideline A, and updated the references.
16. Respiratory Protection Program Evaluation	9/6/26: Edited procedures #3 and 7C.
17. Appendix	9/6/26: Reviewed and made no changes.

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Forms	Changes
1. Respirator Medical Questionnaire and Examination	9/6/26: Made minor edits to the type of respirator used section.
2. Verification of Qualitative Fit Test (QLFT)	9/6/26: Made a minor edit to remove one entry.
3. Voluntary Respirator Use	9/6/26: Made minor edits to the heading and source.
4. TB Risk Assessment Tool	9/6/26: Updated the link for the State TB statistics and made minor edits.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM (Updated 9/22/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Health Screening	1/17/26: Made edits in guidelines A-E, procedures #1, 3-7, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, procedures #2 and 5, and updated the references.
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #3, 5-6. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1 and 2, and updated the references.
3. Administering the Hepatitis B Vaccine	1/17/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2, 3, and 6. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #6 and updated the references.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, added B, edited C and E, made minor edits to F and procedures #1-2, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines B and F1-2, and updated the references.
5. Influenza Vaccination Acceptance	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, A2ii, B, and procedure #1. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.

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6. Administering the Influenza Vaccine	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, procedures #1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedure #8 and updated the references.
7. Influenza Vaccination Declination	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-10, procedures #2-3, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A and C and updated the references.
8. COVID-19 Vaccination	1/17/26: New. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A.
9. Documenting and Tracking Vaccination Status	1/17/26: New. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
10. Screening and Testing for <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Infection	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, and procedures #1A, 1BII, 2, 3, and 5A. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1B, 2B, and 3.
11. Administering and Interpreting the Tuberculin Skin Test	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-B and procedures #1 and 5B-C. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to #5A and B.
12. Serial TB Testing	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guideline A1 and procedures #2-4. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
13. <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Test or Symptom Evaluation Conversion	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, and D1-3. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
14. Occupational Exposure to <i>M. tuberculosis</i>	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A and B5, procedures #3 and 4, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #6 and updated the references.
15. Occupational Exposure to Blood and Body Fluids	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, B, and C, procedures #1 and #3A-E, 4-10, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #1, 3A, 6, and 10.
16. Occupational Exposure to the Zika Virus	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, and procedures #1-6, 8, and 9.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM (Updated 9/22/26)	
	9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline B and procedures #1 and 6.
17. Higher-risk Occupational Exposure to COVID-19	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, “Asymptomatic Staff Member with a Higher-risk Exposure” C, “Staff Testing Positive for SARS-CoV-2 After Exposure” C, and procedures #1-3. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline B2c and “Staff Testing Positive for SARS-CoV-2 After Exposure” C.
18. COVID-19 Log	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C and procedures #1, 2, and 5. 9/22/26: Edited guidelines A, B, and D, procedures #4-5, and updated the references.
19. Work Restrictions and Return to Work Criteria for Staff with a Suspected or Confirmed Viral Respiratory Infection	1/17/26: Updated the title and throughout, made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1C, 2A, and B. 9/22/26: Edited guidelines A-D, procedures #1A-D, and updated the reference.
20. General Work Restrictions	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A, C1-5, and procedures #1 and 3. 9/22/26: Edited guideline C3.
21. Recording and Reporting a Work-related Illness or Injury to OSHA	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A-C, and E3, and procedures #1-2, and 5. 9/22/26: Edited the title, guidelines A, B, D, E, procedures #1B-2, made minor edits to procedures #3B and 5, and updated the references.
22. Occupational Latex Allergies	1/17/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A1-2, 3III, procedures #2-7, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Updated the references.
23. Actions to Take After an Animal Bite in the Home	1/17/26: Edited procedure #4E and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guideline A5, procedures #2 and 5, and updated the references.

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24. Staff Member Attire	1/17/26: Edited the purpose, guidelines A-B, procedures #1, 2C, and D, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedure #2A and updated the references.
25. Preventing the Spread of Potentially Communicable Illnesses in the Workplace	1/17/26: Made minor edits to the general guideline statement, "Maintain Ventilation Systems" #3-5 and 7-9, "Cleaning and Disinfection" B, "Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection" C, E-H, "Hand Sanitizing and Personal Protective Equipment" A and E, and "Training and Education" A-B. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline C, "Maintain Ventilation Systems" #A9, "Training and Education" C, and added references.
26. Appendix	1/17/26: Added #4. 9/22/26: Updated #10-11.
Forms	Changes
1. Health Screening	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to question #1 and attestation statement.
2. Hepatitis B Vaccination Acceptance/Declination	1/17/26: Made minor edits to the declination section. 9/22/26: Edited the second-to-last sentence of the acceptance statement, and made minor edits to the declination statement.
3. Influenza Vaccination Acceptance/Declination	1/17/26: Edited the first two sentences in the declination section, and first two sentences of the acceptance statement. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to the second acceptance statement.
4. COVID-19 Vaccination Acceptance/Declination	1/17/26: New. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
5. Immunization and TB Screening	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Edited Hepatitis B, COVID-19, Measles, Mumps, and Tdap sections.
6. Tuberculin Skin Test Record	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to question #4.

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7. Tuberculosis Symptom Evaluation & Risk Assessment	1/17/26: Edited #4, 7, 9, 10, and 11. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
8. Observation Checklist for Placing a Tuberculin Skin Test	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
9. Observation Checklist for Reading a Tuberculin Skin Test	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
10. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Diseases and Conditions	1/17/26: Updated the references. 9/22/26: Updated the Conjunctivitis, Parvovirus B19, and Viral Respiratory Infection sections, and updated the references.
11. Staff Work Restrictions for Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Conditions	1/17/26: Updated the references. 9/22/26: Updated the Measles, Mumps, Varicella-Zoster, and Upper Respiratory Infection sections and updated the references.
12. Occupational Illness & Injury Log	1/17/26: Edited 2B. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
13. COVID-19 Staff Exposure Risk Assessment	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Edited the response questions under the headers.
14. COVID-19 Log Form	1/17/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.

PATIENT AND STAFF EDUCATION (Updated 9/22/26)	
Patient Education Title	Changes
1. Principles of Infection Prevention and Control Education	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #2 and 4. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A.
2. General Infection Prevention and Control Strategies	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1A, E, H-J, 2C, and 3D. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #1C-E and updated the references.
3. Antimicrobial Stewardship	4/30/26: Updated the reference. 9/22/26: Edited the title, the purpose, and guideline A.
4. Cleaning and Disinfecting the Home	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 3, 5, 7-10, and updated the references.

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	9/22/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #11.
5. Storage and Disposal of Home-generated Medical Waste	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #2A-C, 3B, C, and E, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline B, procedure #2H, and updated the references.
6. Laundry Management	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1C, E-HI-III, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #1Ha, 1Hc, and I.
7. Preparing a Dilute Bleach Solution	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #7, 8, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Deleted the table and edited procedures #2 and 7.
8. Preventing a Home Care-onset Skin and Soft Tissue Infection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1-2. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
9. Preventing a Home Care-onset Respiratory Infection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1, 2, 3II, 3III, and G. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2, 3B-C, and 3Ea-c.
10. Preventing a Home Care-onset Bloodstream Infection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1A, H, N, and O. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1E, 1J, 1K, and 1M.
11. Preventing the Spread of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i> in the Home	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, and procedures #1E, F, K, M, and 2-3. 9/22/26: Updated the references.
12. Preventing a Home Care-onset Urinary Tract Infection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #3G and 4C. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #3C, edited 4B-4E, and updated the references.
13. Preventing a Home Care-onset Urinary Tract Infection in a Patient with an Indwelling Catheter	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, added content to 3E, made minor edits to 3H, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #3B-C.

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14. Preventing a Home Care-onset Infection During Enteral Therapy	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1B, F-H, O-R, and T. 9/22/26: Edited procedures #1F, G, I, N, O, and R and updated the reference.
15. Preventing a Mosquito-borne Illness	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1C-D, and updated the reference. 9/22/26: Edited guideline A, procedures #1C, and made minor edits to 1F.
16. Preventing the Spread of a Respiratory Infection in the Home	4/30/26: Edited “Home Isolation Room” #3, “Home Ventilation” #2, 4-5, made minor edits to “Contact with Others” #1, 5, “Respiratory Protection for the Caregiver” #1-5, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to “Home Ventilation” #2, “Contact with Others” #2 and 5, edited “Respiratory Protection for the Caregiver” #1, and “When to Discontinue Isolation Precautions” title and #2.
17. Preventing the Spread of Monkeypox in the Home	4/30/26: Made minor edits to “Home Isolation” #1E-F, “Contact with Others” #1F, “Respiratory Protection” #1B, deleted 1D, deleted 2C, made minor edits to “Pets” intro, added “Cleaning and Disinfecting the Home” section, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited the title, guideline A, “Home Isolation” B, G, “Contact with Others” 1A, “Respiratory Protection” 2B, “Pets” 4, and updated the references.
18. Environmental Management for the Patient with Monkeypox in the Home	4/30/26: Edited “Personal Protective Equipment” #1B, and made minor edits to “General Waste Containment” #3 and 4, “Hard Non-porous Surfaces” #1-3, “General Waste Disposal” #1, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited “General Waste Containment” 2, “Laundry” 1, 2, 5-7, and updated the references.

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Staff Education Title	Staff Education Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Training	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A5-6, C-D, procedures #2A, D-E, H-I, 3, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A4, B, and I.
2. Antimicrobial Stewardship	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedure #1C-E, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited guideline A and procedures #1, 1B-1E.
3. Hand Hygiene	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1E-F and 2A-B. 9/22/26: Edited guideline A and made minor edits to procedures #1B-F, 1I, and 2A-C.
4. Bloodborne Pathogens	4/30/26: Made minor edits to #1I. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1I-J, and updated the references.
5. Medical Waste and Sharps	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and updated the references. 9/22/26: Updated the references.
6. Preventing Sharps Injuries	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1-3A-C, 6-7, and 10-12. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #3, 3A, and 12 and updated the reference.
7. Cleaning and Disinfection Chemicals	4/30/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, procedures #1C, F, and updated the reference. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1F-G and updated the reference.
8. Airborne Pathogens Requiring Respiratory Protection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guidelines A3-4, B, procedures #1A, E, J, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Added content to guideline A3, procedures #1E, G, and 1I, deleted procedure #1J, and updated the references.

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9. Preventing a Bloodstream Infection	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1G and 2. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A4.
10. Preventing the Spread of Antimicrobial-resistant Organisms	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #1B-E. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedure #1I.
11. Preventing the Spread of <i>Clostridioides difficile</i>	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedures #2-6. 9/22/26: Edited the purpose and made minor edits to procedures #3 and 6.
12. Preventing the Spread of Viral Respiratory Infections	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A2 and procedure #1M. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to guideline A3, procedures #1Aiii and vi, and edited 1N.
13. Preventing the Spread of Monkeypox	4/30/26: Made minor edits to procedure #1C. 9/22/26: Updated the virus name throughout.
14. Preventing a Mosquito-borne Illness	4/30/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guideline A, procedures #1B, C, and updated the reference. 9/22/26: Edited guidelines A-B and made minor edits to procedure #1C.
15. Influenza Vaccination	4/30/26: Added content to guideline A, edited procedures #1, 1B, and D, and deleted #2. 9/22/26: Edited guideline A2.
16. Pandemic Preparedness Response Training	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1-4 and 7. 9/22/26: Edited the purpose and procedures #4 and 8.
17. Preventing an Animal Bite when Making Home Visits	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, added content to procedure #1, and made minor edits to #2, 3D-F, and 4. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
18. Aide Training Program	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, procedures #1F, I, K, N, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Made a minor edit to procedure #1C and updated the references.

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19. Aide Competency Assessment in Infection Prevention and Control	4/30/26: Made minor edits to the purpose, guidelines A3-4, B, and procedures #1A, B, E, F, and H. 9/22/26: Edited the title and guidelines A1-2.
20. Staff Competency Assessment in Infection Prevention and Control	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A, A2-5, B3, D, procedures #1, 2B, 3, and updated the references. 9/22/26: Edited the title, purpose, and guidelines A, B2, and C2.
21. Hand Hygiene: Demonstrating Staff's Knowledge and Competence	4/30/26: Made minor edits to guideline A and procedures #1-3. 9/22/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
Forms	Changes
1. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Competency Assessment Tool	4/30/26: Edited the name of the form, edited the titles in headers for all sections, edited "Hand Hygiene Products and Supplies" section #4, deleted former #2 for when hand hygiene is indicated, edited all "Summary" sections, added "Safe Injection Practices" #4 and edited #8, edited all sections of "Bag Technique," made minor edits to "PT/INR Device" #6, and "Sanitizes Soft Surfaces" #1. 9/22/26: Edited the "Data Summary" in each section, "Demonstrates Correctly Putting on PPE" #4, "Disinfectant Product" #3 and 5, and "Equipment" #1.
2. Hand Hygiene Knowledge Assessment	4/30/26: Reviewed and made no changes. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to #8.
3. Hand Hygiene Knowledge Assessment Answer Key	4/30/26: Made minor edits to the introduction and answers #1 and 5. 9/22/26: Made minor edits to #2, 5, and 8.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT (Updated 8/14/26)	
Title	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program	8/4/26: Made minor edits in guidelines A and B, "Plan" guideline B, "Frequency of Data Collection" guidelines A and B, and updated the references.

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2. Vaccination Rate Methodology	8/4/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
3. Calculating the Influenza Vaccination Rate	8/4/26: Made minor edits to the purpose and procedure #3.
4. Influenza Vaccination Program Evaluation	8/4/26: Reviewed and made no changes.
5. Infection Prevention and Control Program Evaluation Activities	8/4/26: Made minor edits to procedure #1B.
Forms	Changes
1. Infection Prevention and Control Program Data Collection Matrix	8/4/26: Made minor edits to the header.
2. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Risk Assessment Tool	8/4/26: Made minor edits to the header, edited "Surveillance Events" Influenza and COVID-19, and made a minor edit to ESBL.
3. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Competency Assessment Summary	8/4/26: Made minor edits throughout.
4. Influenza Vaccination Summary: 2026-2027 Influenza Season	8/4/26: Edited the title, subheaders, and the declination number of staff column.
5. Home Care & Hospice Occupational Illness & Injury Data Summary	8/4/26: Made minor edits throughout.
6. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Program Goals	8/4/26: Made a minor edit to targeted goals for sharps injury and TB testing.
7. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Program Targeted Goals Evaluation	8/4/26: Made minor edits to the "Actions Planned" for "Hand Hygiene" and "Preventing the Transfer of Pathogens" sections, the targeted goal of "Occupational Exposure," and the "Actions Planned for Influenza Vaccination Rates."
8. Home Care & Hospice Infections Present on Admission and Other Exclusions Summary	8/4/26: Edited the instructions, moved two criteria from POA to Other Excluded Infections, and added a cross-reference to SSIs. 8/14/26: Edited Other Excluded Infections #2 and 3.
9. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary	8/4/26: Edited the year and added a different section for the year, and edited the site of infection: BSI, SSTI, and Gastroenteritis. 8/14/26: Edited the site of infection: BSI and SSTI.

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10. Home Care & Hospice Surveillance Summary Analysis	8/4/26: Edited the year and added a different section for the year.
11. Home Care & Hospice Infection Prevention and Control Forms and Reference Documents	8/4/26: Made minor edits throughout.

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