

Double Check These Details to Eliminate Infection Prevention Deficiencies

Sometimes it is a tiny detail that prevents an infection from spreading – or puts your accreditation in jeopardy. Use this cheat sheet to be sure you aren't missing the details and nuances that surveyors often see.

- Consider room turnaround expectations and how surfaces and equipment are disinfected.
- Ensure you have a documented process for tracking COVID-19 vaccinations, resources in place to educate staff, and policies for evaluating exemptions.
- Store a job description, credentials, and easy access to courses and training completed for the facility's (required) infection preventionist.
- Document training on your Infection Control Plan. Include the method and date the training was provided.
- Document your consideration and selection of nationally-recognized infection control guidelines even if your infection control practices comply with generally accepted standards of practice.
- Use incident reporting of infection control issues as a preventative measure by offering a non-confrontational environment designed for process improvement.
- Include antibiotic stewardship practices as part of your ICP. Include documentation on the ways antibiotics are prescribed, dispensed, and monitored.
- Run and document an Infection Control Gap Analysis annually to help leaders identify and prioritize ICP updates based on risk. Be sure to track approval by the governing body or sole proprietor.
- Enable staff to apply essential knowledge and skills based on their role and ability to prevent infections and cross-transmission. Ensure staff can access the ICP and supporting documentation during surveys and visits.

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