

Infection Preventionist Job Description

The Infection Preventionist, along with the Infection Control Committee, will provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.

No prior certification is required, time will be built into your training for completion of the CDC Infection Prevention certification course. You will be working alongside an Infection Prevention certified Registered Nurse.

Duties

- **Compliance and Quality Assurance**
 - o Environmental IPC audits
 - o Employee specific IPC audits (Handwashing, pericare/catheter care, accucheck, etc.)
 - New employee training of proper technique
 - Annual review of proper technique
 - o Review quarterly department-specific IPC checklists with each Department Head
 - o Medical equipment management
 - Duration of use: Ensuring equipment such as oxygen tubing, nebulizer mask/tubing, graduated cylinders, kidney basins, emesis basins, urinals, toothbrushes, etc. is dated and replaced on schedule
 - o Resident specific IPC audits
 - New admission/readmission checklist
 - Vaccine consents: HBV, Influenza, Pneumococcal, COVID-19
 - Screening for history of multi-drug-resistant-organisms (MDRO)
 - Tuberculosis screening
 - o NHSN and IDPH COVID and Influenza reporting
 - o Reportable disease reporting
 - o Stay up-to-date on Standard Precaution guidelines and ensure those guidelines are in practice
 - o Ensure Staff and facility are following transmission-based precautions
 - PPE
 - Biomedical Waste Management Plan
 - Quarantine/Isolation
 - Supplies
 - Initiation isolation diagnosis specific
 - Notices/signage
 - Discontinuation

- o QAPI (Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement)
 - Participate in, or lead, PIPS (Performance Improvement Projects) related to infection control
 - Attend Quarterly QA Committee meeting and present IPC related data, areas of concern, and action plans
- o Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP)
 - Blood spill kits up-to-date
 - Manage team member BBP exposure incidents
 - Sharps Injury Log
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- o Assist RN IPC with Antibiotic Stewardship Program
- **Education**
 - o New hire orientation
 - Initial N95 Respirator Fit Testing
 - IPC Expectations checklist
 - o Assist with any Infection Control related in-services or skills training
- **Respiratory Protection Program**
 - o Fit test all new team members, and re-fit all staff annually, for proper N95 Respirator
 - o Ensure Respiratory Protection paperwork is completed
- **COVID-19 Specific Duties** (Currently)
 - o COVID-19 Log
 - Collect and log data for each exposed or positive team member or resident
 - Calculate and communicate duration of isolation/return to work dates
 - o COVID-19 Testing
 - Ensure required testing is being completed by required personnel at required frequency
 - Maintain log of testing
 - Coordinate resident testing as required
 - o Vaccination Status tracking
 - Maintain spreadsheet of all residents' vaccination status
 - Communicate any required restrictions based on vaccination status, in a manner which respects their dignity and personal freedom while complying with any current regulations
 - Maintain record of all physicians', volunteers', and contract personnel's vaccination status
 - See next section
- **Immunizations**
 - o Coordinate annual influenza vaccine clinics
 - o Coordinate any COVID-19 immunizations or booster doses
- **Other IPC-related duties as they become necessary**