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Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities
483.80 Infection Control

Infection Prevention and Control Program:

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Component	Yes	No	Resources
A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to others in the facility			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines (MDH) http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/infectioncontrol/guidelines.html • CDC Prevention Toolkit https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/prevention_tools.html • Tips for Applying CDC’s Infection Surveillance Guidance in Long-term Care Facilities (LTCF) http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/antibioticresistance/asp/ltc/apxj.pdf • Tracking Infections in Long-term Care Facilities https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/LTC/index.html • Infection Surveillance Definition Worksheet http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/antibioticresistance/asp/ltc/apxk.pdf • Infection Surveillance Line-List Template: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/antibioticresistance/asp/ltc/apxl.pdf • Reportable Diseases in Minnesota http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/reportable/disease.html • Electronic Disease Reporting (MDH) http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseasereport/ • Assessment of Current CDI Prevention Activities Appropriate Cleaning/Disinfection of Equipment and the Environment https://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/files/EnvironmentalCleaning_Assessment.pdf • Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008 (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf • 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf • Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf
When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported			
Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections			
When and how isolation should be used for a resident, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved. • A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident. • The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a 			



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<p>communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with resident or their food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaning/Disinfection Cleaning Checklist https://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/files/EnvironmentalCleaning_Assessment.pdf Management of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms In Healthcare Settings, 2006 https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/MDROGuideline2006.pdf Guideline for infection control in health care personnel, 1998 https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/InfectControl98.pdf Assessment of Current CDI Prevention Activities Hand Hygiene https://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/files/HandHygiene_Assessment.pdf Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf Hand Hygiene for Health Professionals (MDH) http://www.health.state.mn.us/handhygiene/hcp/index.html The Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/prevention/antibiotic-stewardship.html CDC Checklist of Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/pdfs/core-elements-antibiotic-stewardship-checklist.pdf CDC Creating a Culture to Improve Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/pdfs/factsheet-core-elements-creating-culture-improve-use.pdf Assessment of Current CDI Prevention Activities Antibiotic Stewardship Checklist (CDC) https://www.nhqualitycampaign.org/files/AntibioticStewardship_Assessment.pdf AHRQ Antimicrobial Guide https://www.ahrq.gov/nhguide/index.html Minnesota Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Toolkit for Long-term Care Facilities http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/antibioticresistance/asp/ltc/index.html
<p>An antibiotic stewardship program that includes antibiotic use protocols and a system to monitor antibiotic use.</p>			
<p>A system for recording incidents identified under the facility’s IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.</p>			



Infection Preventionist

The facility must designate one or more individual(s) as the infection preventionist(s) (IPs) who are responsible for the facility’s IPCP. The IP must:

Component	Yes	No	Resources
Have primary professional training in nursing, medical technology, microbiology, epidemiology, or other related field.			
Be qualified by education, training, experience or certification.			
Work at least part-time at the facility.			
Have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control.			

IP Participation on quality assessment and assurance committee

Component	Yes	No	Resources
The individual designated as the IP, must be a member of the facility’s quality assessment and assurance committee and report to the committee on the IPCP on a regular basis.			



Influenza Immunizations

The facility must develop policies and procedures to ensure that:

Component	Yes	No	Resources
Before offering the influenza immunization, each resident or the resident representative receives education regarding the benefits and potential side effects of the immunization			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC Influenza Toolkit for Long-Term Care https://www.cdc.gov/flu/toolkit/long-term-care/ • Recommended immunization schedule for adults http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/hcp/adsched.pdf • Vaccine protocols (MDH) http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/hcp/protocols/
Each resident is offered an influenza immunization October 1 through March 31 annually, unless the immunization is medically contraindicated or the resident has already been immunized during this time period			
The resident or the resident’s representative has the opportunity to refuse immunization			
The resident’s medical record includes documentation that indicates, at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the resident or resident’s representative was provided education regarding the benefits and potential side effect of influenza immunization. • That the resident either received the influenza immunization or did not receive the immunization due to medical 			



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Pneumococcal disease

The facility must develop policies and procedures to ensure that:

Component	Yes	No	Resources
Before offering the pneumococcal immunization, each resident or the resident representative receives education regarding the benefits and potential side effects of the immunization			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended immunization schedule for adults http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/hcp/adsched.pdf • Vaccine protocols (MDH) http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/hcp/protocols/
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<p>The resident’s medical record includes documentation that indicates, at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the resident or resident’s representative was provided education regarding the benefits and potential side effect of pneumococcal immunization. • That the resident either received the pneumococcal immunization or did not receive the immunization due to medical contraindications or refusal. 			
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Linens

Component	Yes	No	Resources
Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection			

Annual Review

Component	Yes	No	Resources
The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP program and update their program as necessary			