

Manager/Charge Nurse Quick Reference Guide

Acute Care and Continuing Care

Central Zone Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

The Infection Control department regular hours are Monday - Friday from 0800-1615 (excluding holidays). To reach your local ICP refer to the [Central Zone IPC Contact List](#) found on Insite.

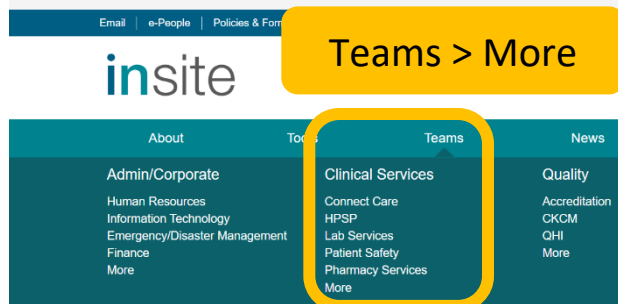
For urgent issues that need addressing after hours, call RAAPID North 1-800-282-9911 or RAAPID South 1-800-661-1700 to reach the ICP on-call for Central Zone.

If an outbreak is suspected refer to Outbreak Management located on the [Central Zone MOH](#) webpage.

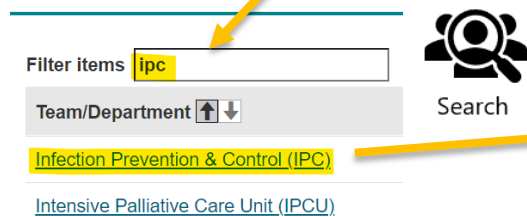
Accessing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) resources can be done two ways.

Follow the snapshots below to find out how

This way



Teams



or this way



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The following snapshot shows you how to navigate the main IPC webpage.

The screenshot shows the 'insite' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Email, e-People, Policies & Forms, Paging, On Call/ROCA, Scheduling, and MyLearningLink. Below this is the 'insite' logo and a secondary navigation bar with links: About, Tools, Teams, News, and a partially visible 'S'. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Teams > Infection Prevention & Control. The main heading is 'Infection Prevention & Control'. Below the heading, there is introductory text: 'IPC is dedicated to the prevention of health-care associated... To support best practice in Infection Prevention and Control, are available to all AHS staff, physicians and patients. [AHS external website](#)'.

Callouts and annotations include:

- A green box on the left labeled 'Central Zone Tab' with an arrow pointing to the 'Central Contacts & Resources' link in the left-hand navigation menu.
- A yellow box on the right labeled 'Provincial IPC Webpage' with an arrow pointing to the 'AHS external website' link.
- A yellow box on the right labeled 'Resources, Emerging Issues, External Links' with an arrow pointing to the main content area of the webpage.

How to Save the Main IPC Webpage to the desktop

The screenshot shows a 'Save As' dialog box in a web browser. The file name is 'Infection Prevention & Control_insite' and the save type is 'Webpage, complete'. The location is set to 'This PC > Desktop'. The file explorer on the right shows the 'Desktop' folder selected. Arrows from the text '1. SAVE AS' and '2. To DESKTOP' point to the 'Save As' button and the 'Desktop' folder respectively.



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Zones

Infection Prevention & Control

North Edmonton **Central** Calgary South

C. difficile Infection (CDI) Toolkit

- [CDI Checklist for Acute Care/Continuing Care/Mental Health](#)
- [CDI Toolkit Info Sheet](#)
- [Stool Chart/Bowel Record 2016 Sample Form 20404](#) - Order from DATA Communications
- CDI Treatment Order Set – *contact site Pharmacist*
- [AHS Provincial Contact Precautions Sporidical Clean](#) (Poster)

Central Zone Best Practice Guidelines

- [Patients on Additional Precautions Leaving Room or Bed Space](#)

Outbreak Management

- [Outbreak Management CZMOH – Acute Care, Long Term Care, Supportive Living](#)

Patients with Diarrhea Management Tools

- [Management of Persons with Diarrhea Acute Care](#)
- [Management of Persons with Diarrhea Continuing Care](#)

IPC Resources

- [Manager / Charge Nurse Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Finding ARO Status in Meditech](#)
- [IPC COVID-19 Additional Precautions without Walls in Shared Patient Care Space](#)
- [Transportation of Contaminated Medical Devices](#)

Takes you to the Central Zone
MOH Webpage

Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI)

If you suspect a resident has a *C. difficile* infection:

- Initiate CDI Checklist - <http://www.ahsweb.ca/ipc/cdi-chklist-zone-z3-cz-cdi-toolkit>
- Document frequency and consistency of stool. For example according to the Bristol Stool Chart on [Form 20404](#).
- Refer to Central Zone CDI Toolkit ([Insite under the Central Zone tab](#)) to determine if a stool sample should be sent to the lab.
- Place resident on additional precautions ([Contact Sporidical](#)).
- Initiate CDI Treatment Order Set – *contact site Pharmacist*

Posters can be found on the [Central Zone](#) tab

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Patients on Additional Precautions Leaving Room or Bed Space

Assess each patient individually for the following **3Cs**:

- Cognitive:** able to follow instructions
- Cooperative:** willing to follow instructions to wear clean attire, perform hand hygiene and not access public areas
- Continent:** all drainage and secretions can be contained

Patients leave room or bed space for essential purposes only, exceptions require IPC consult

Droplet	Contact	Contact & Droplet	Airborne	Airborne & Contact
Patient's door may remain open	Patient's door may remain open	Patient's door may remain open	Patient's door must remain closed	Patient's door must remain closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before patients leave their room, educate or assist them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform hand hygiene put on a procedure mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before patients leave their room, educate or assist them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform hand hygiene dress in clean clothing contain drainage with dressings and incontinence products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before patients leave their room, educate or assist them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform hand hygiene put on a procedure mask dress in clean clothing contain drainage with dressings and incontinence products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before patients leave their negative pressure room, educate or assist them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform hand hygiene put on a procedure mask 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before patients leave their negative pressure room, educate or assist them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perform hand hygiene put on a procedure mask dress in clean clothing contain drainage with dressings and incontinence products

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Patients on Additional Precautions Leaving Room or Bed Space

Management of Patients with Diarrhea in Acute Care/ER Central Zone

Management of Residents with Diarrhea in Continuing Care Central Zone

Does the resident have loose or watery stool?
(Type 6 or 7 on the Bristol Stool Chart) – see reverse for complete chart

Suspect Gastrointestinal Illness (GI)

2 or more episodes of loose or watery stool in a 24 hour period, which is new or unusual for the resident
OR
1 episode of bloody diarrhea

Place resident on Contact Precautions
If actively vomiting place on Contact Droplet Precautions

- Send stool sample and document frequency and consistency of bowel movements
- Refer to AHS IPC online Continuing Care Resource Manual

Type 6 Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool

Type 7 Watery, no solid pieces. Entirely liquid

Do you need to consider a GI/CDI outbreak?
2 or more people with onset of similar symptoms in a 48 hour period

Refer to the resources found on the AHS IPC Central Zone Tab under Outbreak Management

Suspect Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI)

3 or more episodes of loose or watery stools in a 24 hour period, which is new or unusual for the patient
OR
6 or more loose or watery stools in a 36 hour period, which is new or unusual for the resident

Place resident on Contact Precautions
Sporicidal Clean

- Send stool sample and document frequency and consistency of bowel movements
- Refer to AHS IPC Central Zone online CDI Toolkit for further information
- Initiate Pre-printed Care Order (PPCO) for CDI form # 18667
- Refer to AHS IPC online Continuing Care Resource Manual

Discontinue precautions when resident has been without symptoms for 48 hours and has had at least 1 normal or formed bowel movement

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Transportation of Contaminated Medical Devices Central Zone Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Note: This Information Sheet was developed by the Central Zone IPC Program and MDR. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information sheet please contact your local MDR Lead or IPC.

Medical devices with the potential for delayed reprocessing shall have gross debris removed at point-of-use.

- Don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Remove gross debris (i.e. blood clots or tissue) by immersing instruments in water in a designated sink or container. Do not rinse under running water.
- Spray with Pre-Klenz™ according to the manufacturer's instructions to prevent the soil drying on the instruments.

For off-site reprocessing: place instruments in plastic bag and place in a covered leak-proof transport container.

For on-site reprocessing: place instruments in a covered leak-proof container. Transport staff will collect and deliver to the Medical Device Reprocessing (MDR) area for reprocessing.

How To Use PRE-Klenz™ Transport Gel

REMINDER: Clean/disinfect environmental surfaces and perform hand hygiene.

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Setting-up Isolation Without Walls in Shared Space

Transportation of Contaminated Medical Devices

Setting-up Isolation Without Walls in a Shared Space Central Zone Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Example of isolation space when a single-patient room is not available.

Keep curtain drawn to create a barrier

Isolation without walls is not appropriate for patients requiring Airborne Precautions.

To isolate without walls, place PPE cart outside of shared room or outside of isolated bed space on an open, multi-patient unit. Isolation space must have:

- Appropriate additional precautions signage
- Drawn curtain
- Alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) at point of care
- Dedicated equipment:
 - garbage can
 - linen bag
 - sharps disposal
 - washroom OR commode
 - patient care equipment
 - disinfectant/wipes for environmental and equipment cleaning

After cleaning equipment remove gloves and perform hand hygiene, don PPE in appropriate location.

Contact your site IPC for more information on isolation without walls and patient management.

For additional information refer to Cohorting and Overcapacity documents on [AHS IPC external webpage](#).

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[COVID-19 Info](#) | Continuous masking remains in effect at all AHS, APL and Covenant facilities provincially.

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- Provincial Outbreak Management
- Surveillance in Alberta

Contact Info

Zone Contacts

[MOH Role & Contact Info](#)
(service listing)

[Public Health Contact Info](#)
(poster)

Contact Us

Email: moh.central@ahs.ca

Resources

Animal Exposure Investigations

- [Animal Exposure Assessment Algorithm](#)
- [Animal Exposure Referral](#)
- [Patient Care Sheet: Domestic Animal Exposure](#)

Blood & Body Fluid Exposures (BBFE)

- [BBFE Central Zone Risk Assessment](#)
- [BBFE Know the Facts Brochure](#)
- [Blood & Body Fluid Exposure Testing Requisition Form 21150](#)
- [Post-Exposure Management & Prophylaxis Guidelines](#)

Clostridium difficile Infections (CDI)

- [Central Zone CDI Toolkit Facilities with AHS IPC Support](#)

Fentanyl

- [Fentanyl – Naloxone Education Presentation & FAQ](#)

Immunization

- [AHS Immunization Program Standards Manual](#)

Tetanus

- [Central Zone Guide to Wound Tetanus Prophylaxis in Emergency Departments](#)

IPC consultation

As manager/charge nurse, you are often the primary point of contact for your infection control professional (ICP). You and your staff may consult an ICP for infection control issues such as:

- Appropriateness of additional precautions for patients/residents:
 - Application and discontinuation of additional precautions
 - Screening for patients with a positive ARO (MRSA, VRE, CRO)
 - Specific care plans with respect to IPC (e.g., patient ambulation while on additional precautions)
- Education on related IPC topics
- Determining and managing preventive measures for construction and renovation projects
- Situational events on your unit that require a multidisciplinary consultation (e.g., Environmental Services, FM&E, MDR)
- Connecting with site manager/unit manager to complete a Site Practice Review
- Contacting Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) with questions related to staff illness and/or working restrictions <http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/whs.asp>
- Assessing Patient Exposure to Blood & Body Fluids - <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page15704.aspx>
 - Contact WHS for Staff Risk Assessment Blood & Body Fluid Exposure <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-20443.pdf>

IPC on-call

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) has an after-hours on-call service. Central Zone IPC on-call can be contacted after regular business hours and on weekends/holidays through:

RAAPID North 1-800-282-9911 or RAAPID South 1-800-661-1700

IPC on-call service is for urgent issues, not for routine consultation:

- IPC resources are readily available on the IPC webpage to guide patient management. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page6410.aspx>
- Non-urgent issues should be addressed as usual by contacting your site infection control professional (ICP) on the next business day.
- Examples of urgent situations may include major water release, MDR sterilization failure, building system failures with IPC implications (e.g., sterile core, OR, MDR, airborne isolation rooms), outbreak, suspect viral hemorrhagic fever.
- IPC providing on-call will be offsite and will not have access to Netcare or other patient information systems; therefore, will not be able to manage day-to-day patient management (i.e., ARO results and removing additional precautions/clearing of an ARO).
- ICPs at acute care sites review patients on isolation regularly and will continue to provide direction to the nursing staff as appropriate prior to a weekend.
- For calls related to potential respiratory illness (RI) or gastrointestinal illness (GI) outbreaks, IPC will provide guidance to units to prevent further transmission based on zone-specific outbreak management guidelines found on the AHS IPC webpages.

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- Clinical management and treatment questions related to infectious diseases should be directed by the attending physician as per current zone processes, which may include to the appropriate Infectious Disease Physician service via RAAPID.
- If staff suspect they have been exposed to a communicable disease or blood and body fluids at work, they are to notify WHS at the on-call number 1-403-343-4620.

PROVINCIAL RESOURCES

QUICK LINKS

Emerging Issues, Contact List, Posters, PPE Safety Coach Program, Outbreak Management, etc.

And another way to access Zone resources.



Resource Manuals

The [IPC Acute Care Resource Manual Diseases and Conditions Table](#) supports healthcare providers to manage the care and placement of patients with known or suspected diseases.

[The Continuing Care IPC Resource Manual Diseases and Conditions Table](#) is intended to support staff in caring for residents in continuing care settings.

Below are examples of documents found under the Acute Care and Continuing Care tabs.

- Routine Practices Information Sheet
- Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) / Choosing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Additional Precautions Information Sheets and Signs
- Assessing the need for Additional Precautions
 - Gastrointestinal Illness (GI)
 - Respiratory Illness (RI)
 - Rashes
 - Wounds

Additional precautions information

- Look for additional precautions information sheets in the online Resource Manual <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page6854.aspx>
- Consider printing additional precautions information sheet and include in patient/resident's care plan
- Select PPE as per the Diseases and Conditions Table
- Use N95 respirator based on your point of care risk assessment (PCRA) and AGMP Guidance Tool <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17091.aspx>
- Obtain IPC consultation before cohorting patients on additional precautions <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page15147.aspx>
- ARO flags are located in Meditech on the EMR summary page under the Indicator tab (only for former ECH sites that are not on Connect Care)
- IPC Considerations for Immunocompromised Patients <http://www.ahsweb.ca/ipc/considerations-immunocomp-patients-guide-z0-rm-ac>

Applying additional precautions

To determine if additional precautions are appropriate:

- Perform a point of care risk assessment ([PCRA](#))
- Complete the ARO Admission Screening

Use the IPC Resource Manual Diseases and Conditions Table:

- **Acute Care Manual:** [IPC Diseases and Conditions Table](#)
- **Continuing Care Manual:** [IPC Diseases and Conditions Table](#)
 - Consider patient symptoms (e.g., RI, GI, etc.)
 - Refer to the patient's diagnosis and/or lab reports (e.g., *Clostridioides difficile*, meningitis, etc.).

Discontinuing precautions

To determine if discontinuing precautions is appropriate:

- Start by referring to the IPC Resource Manual.
- IPC needs to be consulted on the removal of ARO status.
- Note: IPC is always available for questions on the status of precautions.

Once precautions are discontinued:

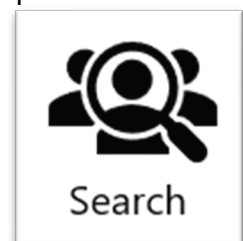
- Ensure Environmental Services (ES) performs a discharge/transfer/isolation clean of patient environment and then remove the additional precautions signage.
- Bath or shower patient in conjunction with environmental room cleaning.
- Arrange for laundering of dirty clothing. Ask family to take home personal items that cannot be cleaned or disinfected.
- Discard facility-supplied personal care products (e.g., creams, lotions) and replace with new products.
- Initiate additional precautions if necessary (e.g., new wounds in a previously positive ARO patient, new or different rash, new or different cough).



Best Practice Recommendations

Best Practice Recommendations are based on evidence and expert opinion and align to meet Alberta Health, Accreditation Canada and Canadian Standards Association requirements.

- [Family and Patient Tip Sheet for Personalizing Spaces in Continuing Care](#)
- [Selection and Management \(Maintenance, Handling, and Cleaning\) of Isolation Carts](#)
- Isolation Cart Key Points – a Central Zone IPC tool to reference when setting up isolation carts - coming soon to the [Central Zone Tab](#)



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3D Printing of Medical Devices	Equipment Selection & Process
COVID-19 IPC Recommendations: find COVID-19 specific documents using the Filter/search for key word(s) on the IPC External Website Emerging Issues webpage.	Equipment Cleaning, Disinfection & Storage
Principles for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted Cleaning Terms and Definitions List New Products and Technology Ready-to-Use Disinfectant Wipes - Key Points 	Equipment Cleaning, Disinfection & Storage



Hand Hygiene

Site-based reviewers are designated by the site manager to complete hand hygiene reviews at the site. Sites with programs (i.e., Cancer Care, Renal Services, Lab) will assign a reviewer for that program.

If you have questions or are looking for hand hygiene resources refer to the hand hygiene webpage under Infection Prevention & Control or contact the [Central Zone Hand Hygiene Project Manager](#).

Info for Health Professionals

- Policy & Procedure, Guidelines, 4 Moments posters, etc.

Education and Training for Hand Hygiene

- Interactive Hand Hygiene Learning Module
- Hand Health resources (i.e., FAQ, hand health video)

Reviews and Reports

- Training requirements for Hand Hygiene Reviewers and Advanced users
- How to purchase an iPad

Leadership Toolkit - The Hand Hygiene Leadership Toolkit was developed to help leaders establish team-based hand hygiene initiatives. The toolkit includes background information, resource links, staff engagement activities, and templates to help you inspire your team.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Education and Training for Personal Protective Equipment

- Posters for Donning and Doffing of PPE
- Interactive Learning Module – *Personal Protective Equipment and You*
- Interactive Learning Module – Modified Respiratory PPE for COVID-19
 - Modified Respiratory Precautions - *Found under Resource Manuals > Additional Precautions*
 - [Modified Respiratory Precautions Acute Care](#)
 - [Modified Respiratory Precautions Continuing Care](#)

[Alberta Health Services' Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program](#) is a voluntary program, which adopts a peer-to-peer approach. PPE Safety Coaches will be available and accessible on each shift, as experts supporting frontline staff using a friendly, informal and helpful approach to help staff select, don and doff their PPE. If you have questions or would like to establish a PPE Safety Coach Program in your area, please contact the IPC Zone Project Manager for assistance.

[PPE Safety Coach Community of Practice](#) sessions are held regularly for coaches to come together from across the province to discuss and learn from the experiences of others.



Equipment Cleaning

Refer to the table on this tab for reprocessing information. Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions for use. For information on cleaning particular equipment such as IT equipment and patient lifts, see [Best Practice Recommendations](#).

All equipment used for patient/resident care must be cleaned and disinfected after use. Stethoscopes require a routine deep clean.

Additional resources:

- [Key Points for Ready-to-Use \(RTU\) Pre-moistened Disinfectant Wipes](#)
- [Health Canada's list of hard-surface disinfectants for use against coronavirus.](#)

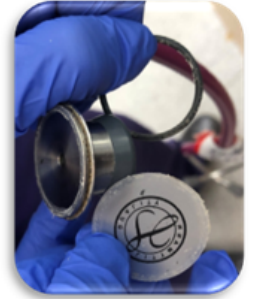
Deep Clean for Stethoscopes

Perform a deep clean on a regular basis or when visibly soiled.

Remove the diaphragm from the rim and clean the parts in soapy water or wipe with a 70% alcohol swab or RTU Wipe. Earbuds can be removed from the ear tubes for thorough cleaning.

Dry all parts and surfaces thoroughly before reassembling the stethoscope.

For more detailed information on cleaning refer to the manufacturer's instructions.



NOTE: [Linen and Environmental Services](#) have cleaning guidelines and processes that you may need to reference.

ES

Cleaning

- [ES-CLN-01 Cleaning Principles](#)
- [ES-CLN-02 Cleaning Frequency](#)
 - [Cleaning Frequency Expectation Table](#)
- [Post-HazMat / CBRN Cleaning](#)
- [Return to Service Cleaning](#)

Cleaning Processes

These documents establish cleaning processes for the Environmental Services (ES) department. If ES is cleaning the area/item named, ES must follow the process, however the existence of a document for an area/item does not mean that ES cleans all of these areas/items that exist in AHS. The scope of service may vary provincially and certain documents may not be applicable in all areas where ES services are provided.

Cleaning Processes – Areas/Rooms

- [ES-CLN-17 Patient Room/Space - Discharge/Transfer \(Routine\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-18 Patient Room/Space - Discharge/Transfer \(Isolation\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-19 Patient Room/Space - Discharge/Transfer \(Sporicidal\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-36 Patient Room/Space - Occupied \(Routine\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-37 Patient Room/Space - Occupied \(Isolation\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-38 Patient Room/Space - Occupied \(Sporicidal\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-14 Corridors/Hallways](#)
- [ES-CLN-15 Corridors/Hallways with Floor Machines](#)
- [ES-CLN-61 Dining Rooms \(Patient\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-22 Elevators](#)
- [ES-CLN-23 Entrances and Lobbies](#)
- [ES-CLN-25 Exam/Treatment Rooms - Between Case](#)
- [ES-CLN-26 Exam/Treatment Rooms - End of Day](#)
- [ES-CLN-30 Laboratories](#)
- [ES-CLN-62 Labour and Delivery Rooms](#)
- [ES-CLN-32 Locker Rooms](#)
- [ES-CLN-51 Lounges](#)
- [Medical Device Reprocessing Areas](#)
- [ES-CLN-34 Medication Rooms](#)
- [ES-CLN-35 Nourishment Centres](#)
- [ES-CLN-39 Office Areas](#)
- [ES-CLN-40 OR Theatre – Between Case](#)
- [ES-CLN-41 OR Theatre – End of Day](#)
- [ES-CLN-45 Pharmacy – Non-Sterile Areas](#)
- [ES-CLN-46 Pharmacy – Sterile Compounding Areas](#)
- [ES-CLN-50 Spilled/Clean Utility Rooms](#)
- [ES-CLN-52 Stairs and Landings](#)
- [ES-CLN-55 Waiting Rooms](#)
- [ES-CLN-43 Washrooms - Inpatient](#)
- [ES-CLN-47 Washrooms - Public/Outpatient/Staff](#)
- [ES-CLN-99 Interim Emergency Department \(ED\) / Urgent Care Centre \(UCC\) & Dialysis Patient Space – Between Case \(Isolation during COVID-19\)](#)

Cleaning Processes – Common Items

- [ES-CLN-07 Bassinets, Baby Warmers and Isolettes](#)
- [ES-CLN-08 Beds and Stretchers](#)
- [ES-CLN-13 Commodes](#)
- [ES-CLN-20 Dispenser Cleaning/Replenishment](#)
- [ES-CLN-42 Patient Lift Equipment](#)
- [ES-CLN-48 Refrigerators](#)
- [ES-CLN-49 Sinks and Water Fountains](#)
- [ES-CLN-53 Toilets, Urinals and Hoopors](#)
- [ES-CLN-54 Tubs and Showers](#)
- [ES-CLN-56 Walls](#)
- [ES-CLN-58 Wheelchairs](#)
- [ES-CLN-60 Window Drapes/Blinds](#)

Cleaning Processes – Common Tasks

- [ES-CLN-09 Bed and Stretcher Making](#)
- [ES-CLN-16 Damp Mopping](#)
- [ES-CLN-21 Dry Mopping](#)
- [ES-CLN-29 High Dusting](#)
- [ES-CLN-31 Linen Cubicle Curtain Changing](#)
- [ES-CLN-57 Wet Vacuuming](#)

Cleaning Processes – Other

- [ES-CLN-11 Blood and Body Fluids \(Carpet & Upholstery\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-12 Blood and Body Fluids \(Hard Surfaces\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-27 Flood Pick-Up and Clean-Up \(Black Water\)](#)
- [ES-CLN-28 Flood Pick-Up and Clean-Up \(Clean/Grey Water\)](#)

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Outbreak Management

Early recognition of unusual clusters of illness and swift actions in response are essential for effective management of outbreaks.

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This provincial IPC webpage has supporting documents to help prevent the spread of infection.

Guides for Outbreak Prevention & Control

- [Communicable Disease Control Notifiable Disease & Outbreak Management Guides - Acute, LTC, DSL, Hospice, and NDSL Guides](#)
- [Work Camps](#)

Support Materials for Outbreaks

- [Symptoms? What Do I Do to Prevent a Potential Outbreak?](#)
- [Surveillance Case Tracking Sheet](#), Communicable Disease Control

Support Materials for Respiratory Outbreaks Only

- [Risk Assessment Matrix to Determine MOH Pre-Approval](#)

Infection Prevention & Control for Influenza

These resources are designed to help prevent and manage the spread of Influenza like-illnesses and Influenza.

General Information

- [Cover Your Cough poster – Clinics & Offices](#)
- [Cover Your Cough poster – Emergency Departments](#)
- [How to Handwash poster](#)
- [How to use Alcohol-based Hand Rub poster](#)
- [Putting on \(Donning\) PPE poster](#)
- [Taking off \(Doffing\) PPE poster](#)
- [Visitor alert – Do you have a cough?](#)
- [Visitor alert – Help prevent the spread of symptoms of illness](#)
- [What to do if you have a cough – steps to prevent the spread](#)
- [Outbreak Spotlight Sign](#)

Acute Care

- Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions: [Respiratory \(ILI\) Algorithm](#)
- [Contact & Droplet Precautions Info Sheet](#)
- [Contact & Droplet Precautions](#)

Continuing Care

- [Choosing Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Resident Interactions in Continuing Care](#)
- [Seasonal Influenza in Continuing Care: IPC Practice Recommendations](#)
- [Droplet & Contact Precautions](#)
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Further information on Influenza for health care providers, including recommendations and resources to help prevent the spread of Influenza, can be found [here](#).

Notifiable Disease & Outbreak Management

Communicable Disease Control

Under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health, the program is responsible to prevent and control communicable diseases (CD) that are defined as Notifiable, under the Communicable Disease Regulations of the Public Health Act of Alberta.

Guides for Outbreak Prevention and Control

- [Acute Care](#)
- [Child Care Facilities](#)
- [Long Term Care, Designated Supportive Living and Hospice Sites](#)
- [Non- Designated Supportive Living Sites](#)
- [Schools](#)
- [Shelter Sites: Guide for Outbreak Prevention & Control](#)

Support Materials for Outbreaks

- [Advance Prescription for Oseltamivir \(Tamiflu\)](#)
- Checklists
 - [COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist](#)
 - [Gastrointestinal Outbreak Checklist](#)
 - [Influenza Outbreak Checklist](#)
 - [Respiratory Outbreak Checklist](#)
- [Outbreak Antiviral Prophylaxis in Non-Designated and Designated Supportive Living Site Worksheet](#)
- Risk Assessment
 - [Risk Assessment Matrix to Determine MOH Pre-Approval](#)
 - [Risk Assessment Worksheet](#)
- [Surveillance Case Tracking Sheet](#)
- [Symptoms? What Do I Do to Prevent a Potential Outbreak?](#)




Infection Prevention & Control

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) is dedicated to **preventing infections** acquired within healthcare facilities. The [IPC goal](#) is to reduce the incidence of healthcare associated infections in patients, residents, and clients by:

- process and outcome surveillance
- outbreak identification and management
- consultation and education
- guideline, policy, and procedure development
- research


Resource Manuals



Directions for known and suspect diseases (includes additional precautions/isolation)

[More >](#)


Routine Practices



Standard practices and procedures for preventing infections

[More >](#)

Best Practice Recommendations



Best practice recommendations to prevent a patient from acquiring a healthcare associated infection

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Emerging Issues

Infection Prevention & Control

As new infections and disease emerge in our health care settings, changes to standard Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices may be required. These current and past issues highlight the IPC resources created to manage these special cases.

Jump to topic:

- [Monkey Pox](#)
- [COVID-19](#)
- [Measles](#)
- [SARI - Severe Acute Respiratory Infections \(MERS-CoV\)](#)
- [IPC Tools for Disaster Management](#)
- [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever \(VHF\) / Ebola](#)

Emerging Issues | Alberta Health Services

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COVID-19 guidance documents are located on Insite

<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/tools/Page24291.aspx>

COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

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Date Posted	Title	Document Type
2022-09-23	Use of Masks During COVID-19	Policy; Directive
2022-07-15	Continuing Care PPE FAQ	Guidance; Personal Protective Equipment; Frequently Asked Questions

[Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedure Guidance Tool \(AGMP\)](#)

This list of AGMPs is based on current evidence. This list is subject to an ongoing review process and will be updated accordingly.



Find a Procedure & Related N95 Use Requirement

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Procedure

N95

Documentation

Aerosol Generating Dental Instruments Such As: 3-In-1 Water/Air Syringe; Polishing Rotary Equipment, Rotary Instruments/Handpieces (All Speeds), Trimming Handpieces

Yes

[COVID-19 Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Response Report](#)

Aerosolized Medication Administration

Yes

[Respiratory Illness Algorithm](#)

Any Procedure Done with Regional Anesthesia

No

[IPC Recommendations for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Patients requiring Urgent or Emergent Surgery](#)