



Infection Prevention and Control ICAR Checklist



HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS

- Alcohol based hand rub is:
 - not expired,
 - contains 60-90% alcohol,
 - properly placed throughout the facility.
- Facility has an up-to-date water management plan in place that assesses infection control risks.
- Facility and contracted staff understand contact time definition.
 - Staff know contact times of different products.
- Shared medical equipment is cleaned and disinfected between residents.

- Facility has implemented Enhanced Barrier Precautions appropriately.
- Facility has policy addressing fingernail length, polish, and artificial nails that is being followed and enforced.
- Environmental cleaning products are:
 - prepared correctly,
 - stored properly,
 - discarded appropriately,
 - on EPA List P.
- PPE carts are fully stocked outside rooms with Transmission Based Precautions (TBP).
- Signs clearly displayed on TBP rooms.

OTHER PRIORITY ITEMS

- Staff are wearing PPE appropriately.
- Vaccines properly stored and not expired.
- Medicine and Vaccine refrigerator temperature logs are displayed and complete.
- Splash zone/splashguards in place arounds sinks.
- Utility/Stock room floors are clear of supplies.
- Shower rooms are clear of personal items/storage.
- Clean/dirty indicator utilized for shared medical equipment.
- Contact time of wipes clearly displayed on container.
- Blood glucose monitor wiped down for full contact time.

- Facility is using microfiber mopheads and rags.
- Only needed supplies are brought into resident room for wound care.
- Vinyl gait belts being used, or cloth belts dedicated to resident.
- Facility has respiratory protection plan in place, and fit-testing takes place upon hire and annually.
- Facility engages in Antibiotic Stewardship activities.
- Facility regularly performs audits of facility and contracted staff practices on:
 - Hand hygiene
 - PPE usage
 - Cleaning and disinfection
 - Wound care

**IMMEDIATE
ACTIONS
TO
TAKE:**

HIGHEST PRIORITY

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INSTRUCTIONS

This tool is intended to be used during Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) visits at Long-Term Care Facilities. During the final wrap-up session following completion of the ICAR tool and facility walk-through, this checklist can be reviewed with the facility to identify areas for immediate improvement.

1. Give a copy of the blank checklist to the facility.
2. Check off each item that the facility is currently meeting.
3. Of the unchecked items, work with the facility to identify the three highest priority items that can be addressed immediately.
4. Designate these three items as 'Highest', 'Higher', and 'High' priority, and record them in the boxes provided at the bottom of the checklist.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

For more infection prevention and control resources, please visit
CDC's Project Firstline: <https://www.cdc.gov/project-firstline/index.html> and
MDPH's IPC Resource Hub: <https://www.infectioncontrolma.org/>.