CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

1. [CMS Coronavirus Updates for State Surveyors and Accrediting Organizations](#)

2. [CMS Head to Toe Infection Prevention (H2T) Toolkit](#) – The Head to Toe Infection Prevention Toolkit contains educational materials and practical tools to support the clinical team in providing person-centered care that helps prevent and control common infections like pneumonia, skin infections, and urinary tract infections. The Toolkit aims to educate licensed nurses and nurse aides on infection prevention practices and provide tools that can be integrated into their daily work.

3. [Long Term Care (LTC) Infection Control Worksheet](#) – This 2019 Nursing Home Infection Control Worksheet (ICWS) is a collaborative effort by CMS and CDC and meant to be used by facilities as a self-assessment tool. It comprises both regulatory requirements and best practices in infection prevention and control. A facility that uses this ICWS will identify gaps in practice and have a "roadmap" that can lead to an improved infection prevention and control program.

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1. [Preparing for COVID-19: Long-Term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes](#) contains several strategies and resources the CDC recommends to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in LTCF. Included:
   - [Preparedness Checklist](#)
   - [Interim Guidance for Nursing Homes](#)
   - [Things Facilities Should Do Now](#)
   - [When There Are Cases in the Community](#)
   - [When There Are Cases in the Facility](#)

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2. [Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette in Healthcare Settings](#) – To prevent the transmission of all respiratory infections in healthcare settings, including influenza, infection control measures should be implemented at the first point of contact with a potentially infected person. They should be incorporated into infection control practices as one component of Standard Precautions.
   - [Cover Your Cough Poster](#)
   - [Information about Personal Protective Equipment](#)

3. [Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings](#) – This document is intended for use by infection control staff, healthcare epidemiologists, healthcare administrators, nurses, other healthcare providers, and persons responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating infection control programs for healthcare settings across the continuum of care.

4. [Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living (Long-Term Care Facilities [LTCFs])](#) – Infection control information, guidelines, and resources for nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The resources on this page include guidance documents and web links to resources on the common infections that occur in long-term care facilities and how to prevent them.
   - [Clinical Staff Information](#)
   - [Resident Information](#)
   - [Prevention Tools](#)
   - [Infection Prevention Training](#)

APIC: Association for Professionals in Infection Prevention and Control

1. [Don't Touch Your Face](#) – Use this alert to remind residents, families, and staff of the importance of not touching your face.

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2. APIC 5 Second Rule COVID-19 Podcast – When you think of an extreme outbreak, Ebola, Zika, measles, come to mind, diseases that plague the news (no pun intended). Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is our newest concern, and as conditions evolve, each day brings new information. In this episode, we will review the current state of COVID-19, the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) and important preventative measures to be taken by both healthcare workers and the public.

3. COVID-19 Factsheet

4. **Webinar:** "Healthcare Preparedness for SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19" – The purpose of this webinar is to outline evidence-based recommendations, best practices, and Joint Commission Standards for managing an influx of infectious patients, including an outbreak or pandemic involving COVID-19.

Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Resources

1. **Simple Strategies to Prevent Infections** provides you with practical ways to lower your residents and your risk of infection.
    *   Know When to Practice Hand Hygiene
    *   Every Resident, Every Time
    *   Use Personal Protective Equipment Properly
    *   Environmental Cleaning & Infection Prevention
    *   Use Friction

2. Antibiotic Stewardship Resources for Long-Term Care This document provides you with easy access to resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and other organizations.

3. [All Cause Harm Prevention in Nursing Homes](#) is a description and list of successful practices of high-performing nursing homes (i.e., how they prevent harm while honoring each resident's rights and preferences), organized by overarching themes, and includes strategies to prevent specific adverse events and abuse.

4. **Hand Hygiene Posters**
   - [Hand Hygiene for Residents](#)
   - [Clean Hands Save Lives](#)

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