

# Think About It!

When facilities track infection rates, they can identify problems and track progress toward stopping infections.

How are you tracking infection rates?

## Environmental Cleaning & Infection Prevention

Are environmental factors affecting your infection rate? Use these probing questions as part of your QAPI program to assess current environmental cleaning practices.

- 1 How do environmental service staff know which residents are on transmission precautions?
- 2 What products are used to clean/disinfect rooms for residents on transmission precautions? (e.g., sporicidal agent, EPA disinfectant, microfiber cloths, etc.)?
- 3 What is our process for daily cleaning of all high-touch items?
- 4 for use with residents on transmission precautions (e.g., blood pressure cuff, Hoyer lift pad, etc.)?
- 5 Do we have a process to audit the adequacy of our daily and terminal environmental cleaning practices (e.g., checklists, ATP, fluorescent markers, swab, etc.)?
- 6 Are we sharing audit results with staff in a non-punitive way?

### Share these resources with your team:

*CDC Environmental Checklist for Monitoring Terminal Cleaning*



*Options for Evaluating Environmental Cleaning*



*Simple Strategies to Prevent Infections: Use PPE Properly*



# Simple Strategies to Prevent Infections