

Pause for Prevention

Pause for Prevention is a turnkey program to assist nursing homes in ensuring all staff have a basic understanding of infection prevention practices. The Health Quality Innovation Network (HQIN) developed the series of modules as a means of involving all staff who encounter residents (or work in their environment) in infection prevention practices proven to enhance the safety of residents and team members. The program includes 8 modules intended to be interactive and brief (approximately 15 minutes).

Modules

- Hand Hygiene
- Cough Etiquette
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Masking Matters
- Safety Behaviors are for Everyone
- Infection Prevention Considerations for Residents with Impaired Memory
- Best Practices for Employee Health - Vaccines and When to Stay Home
- Emergency Preparedness

Materials available for printing

- Notebook cover and spine
- Eight modules
- Scripts for individuals leading the learning opportunity
- Flyers to place in staff areas
- Handouts to provide to staff as resource material

Three Steps to Launch this Program

1. Commit as a leadership team to participate in the Pause for Prevention program.
2. Provide education to all staff who come in contact with residents or the resident environment.
3. Place Pause for Prevention posters in staff areas.