



## **Policies and Procedures**

### **Infection Control**

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#### **Policy Statement**

This facility's infection control policies and procedures are intended to facilitate maintaining a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent and manage transmission of diseases and infections.

#### **Policy Interpretation and Implementation**

1. This facility's infection control policies and practices apply equally to all personnel, consultants, contractors, residents, visitors, volunteer workers, and the general public alike, regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, sex, handicap, marital or veteran status, or payor source.
2. The objectives of our infection control policies and procedures are to:
  - a. Prevent, detect, investigate, and control infections in the facility;
  - b. Maintain a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment for personnel, residents, visitors, and the general public;
  - c. Establish guidelines for implementing Isolation Precautions, including Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions;
  - d. Establish guidelines for the availability and accessibility of supplies and equipment necessary for Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions;
  - e. Maintain records of incidents and corrective actions related to infections; and
  - f. Provide guidelines for the safe cleaning and reprocessing of reusable resident-care equipment.
3. The Quality Assessment and Assurance Committee, through the Infection Control Committee, shall establish, review, and revise infection control policies and procedures, and help department heads and managers ensure that they are implemented and followed.
4. All personnel will be trained on our infection control policies and procedures upon hire and periodically thereafter, including where and how to find and use pertinent procedures and equipment related to infection control. The depth of employee training shall be appropriate to the degree of direct resident contact and job responsibilities.
6. The Administrator or Governing Board, through the Quality Assessment and Assurance Committee and the Infection Control Committees, has adopted the infection control policies and procedures. Inquiries concerning our infection control policies and facility procedures should be referred to the Infection Preventionist or Director of Nursing.

| <b>References</b>           |  |
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