

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

INFECTION CONTROL					
Self-Assessment Questions	YES	NO	N/A	Date/Initials	Comments
<p>Note: Other regulations applicable to hospital infection control include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 CSR 10-33.050 Reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infection Rates by Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers • 19 CSR 20-20.010 Definitions Relating to Communicable, Environmental and Occupational Diseases • 19 CSR 20-20.020 Reporting Communicable, Environmental and Occupational Diseases. • 19 CSR 20-20.090 Contact with Communicable Diseases by First Responders or Emergency Medical Person and Mortuary Personnel • 19 CSR 20-20.091 Testing for Contagious or Infectious Disease • 19 CSR 20.26.030 through 19 CSR 20-26.070 HIV Treatment, consultation, reporting, prevention, evaluation and notification • RSMo 191.694 Infection Control Procedures – Requirements and Training for Health Care Facilities and Professionals 					
<p>Is your infection prevention and control program:</p> <p>a. facility-wide and include off-site settings under hospital provider number?</p> <p>b. reviewed and evaluated for quality and scope of the program on a regular basis?</p> <p>c. integrated into the hospital-wide QAPI program?</p> <p>d. in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Administration’s bloodborne pathogens regulation 29 CFR 1910.1030?</p> <p>e. conducted in accordance with nationally recognized IC practices or guidelines?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi) 19 CSR 30-20.116(1)(6)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Does your infection control program have a process for</p> <p>a. reporting patient and employee infections?</p> <p>b. monitoring compliance with policies and procedures that is coordinated with the infection prevention and control committee?</p> <p>19 CSR 30-20.116(4)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Does the hospital maintain a clean and sanitary environment at all hospital and off-site locations?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Does the hospital infection control program monitor facility and equipment maintenance, renovation and construction activities, dietary, housekeeping, pharmacy and laboratory areas to ensure a sanitary environment?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Does your infection control program have:</p> <p>a. definitions for nosocomial infections and communicable diseases?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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b. measures for assessing and identifying patients and health care workers (HCWs), including hospital personnel, contract staff and volunteers, at risk for infections and communicable diseases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. measures for identifying, investigating, reporting and healthcare-associated infections of patients and hospital personnel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d. procedures for collecting data, participating in root cause analysis and implementing corrective actions for HAIs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e. a hand hygiene program that complies with the current national standards endorsed by CDC or WHO?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. a hospital-wide hand hygiene program that requires every health care worker to properly wash or sanitize their hands immediately before and after having direct contact with the patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g. a method for obtaining timely reports of infections and communicable diseases on inpatients and HCWs for all patient care and support departments in the hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
h. policies for providing education to patients, the patient's family and caregivers about infections and communicable diseases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
i. policies and procedures on hand hygiene, standard and transmission-based protections, PPE, asepsis, sterilization, disinfection, food sanitation, housekeeping, linen care, medical and infectious waste disposal, injection safety and safe needle practices, separation of clean from dirty, as well as other means for limiting the spread of infections?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
j. training for staff on infection control policies and procedures pertinent to staff responsibilities and activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
k. surveillance of employees and medical staff personnel with a portion of the surveillance for hand washing techniques/use of hand hygiene products done without their knowledge?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
l. methods for the screening HCWs and patients for and at risk of transmission of infectious or communicable diseases that include an active surveillance component?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Note: Active surveillance does not imply total hospital surveillance.					

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<p>m. documentation of surveillance activities including the measures selected for monitoring, data collection and analysis in accordance with nationally-recognized methods such as NHSN?</p> <p>n. methods to mitigate risk or identified risk such as HCW immunization and attendance policies, infection control practices and standard and transmission-based precautions?</p> <p>o. development, implementation and follow-up monitoring of appropriate infection control interventions to address identified risks and issues?</p> <p>p. a procedure for meeting the reporting requirements of the local/state/federal health authorities?</p> <p>q. provisions for program evaluation and revision of the program, when indicated?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi) 19 CSR 30-20.116(3) 197.150, RSMo 197.152, RSMo</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Is there a designated individual (infection control officer) who is qualified by education and/or experience in the principles and methods of infection prevention and control who is responsible for the infection control program?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Can the designated person (infection control officer) demonstrate that identified infection control incidents, problems and trends are analyzed, corrective action taken and further evaluated for effectiveness?</p> <p>C-0278 COP §485.635(a)(3)(vi)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<p>Does the infection control officer have the authority to order the cessation of a practice that falls outside accepted practices as defined by appropriate state and federal regulatory agencies, accreditation organizations, or the standards adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology?</p> <p>197.152, RSMo</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Does the infection control committee meet as soon as possible to review the cessation order to overrule or sustain the order? 197.152, RSMo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Does your hospital have an active multidisciplinary infection prevention and control committee that:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
a. includes the infection control officer, a member of the medical staff, registered professional nursing staff, quality improvement staff and administration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. is responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring the infection prevention and control program for patients and staff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. establishes measures for identifying, reporting and preventing patient and employee healthcare-associated infections throughout the hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d. establishes priorities and goals related to active surveillance, monitoring, preventing the acquisition and transmission of potentially infectious agents based on risks identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e. is responsible for conducting an ongoing review and analysis of hospital-acquired infection data and risk factors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. meets quarterly and maintains minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
19 CSR 30-20.116 (1), (2), (4), (5),(6)					

Helpful Hints

- [Surveyor Checklist for Infection Prevention and Control](#) (Although this Surveyor Checklist for Infection Prevention and Control for acute care hospitals which begins on page 24 is not applicable to CAHs, it does provide a very good assessment for CAHs.)
- [Guide to Infection Prevention in Outpatient Settings](#) - This CDC guide and checklist is based primarily upon elements of standard precautions and represents the minimum infection prevention expectations for safe care in ambulatory care settings.
- See Survey and Certification Memo [14-36-ALL](#) Infection Control Breaches Which warrant Referral to Public health authorities

Key Resources and Links

- [19 CSR 30-20.116](#)
- [COP §485.635\(a\)\(3\)\(vi\)](#)
- [197.150, RSMo](#)
- [197.152, RSMo](#)
- [29 CFR 1910.1030](#)