

Infection Control Policy



This facility will develop policies and procedures consistent with recognized standards which control and prevent infections for both staff and residents.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INFECTION CONTROL:

This facility administrator will be responsible for assuring that infection control policy and procedures are implemented.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES:

Staff must implement facility policy and procedures.

STAFF WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

Staff with an infectious disease must not work until the infectious stage is corrected or must be reassigned to a work area where contact with others is not expected and likelihood of transmission of infection is absent.

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS:

Universal precautions must be used in the care of residents to prevent transmission of infectious disease according to the Centers for disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. These guidelines may be accessed on the CDC website <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/Blood/universa.htm>

REPORTING of INDIVIDUAL WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

The name of any resident in the facility or personnel with a reportable disease listed in IDAPA 16.02.10, "Idaho Reportable Diseases," will be reported immediately to the local Health District authority and appropriate infection control procedures must be immediately implemented as directed by that local health authority.

ORIENTATION TRAINING:

All staff employed by the facility, including housekeeping personnel, or contract personnel, or both, who may come in contact with potentially infectious material, must be trained in infection control procedures for universal precautions. Annual training will be conducted thereafter as well as any needed training per incident. All documentation of training will be tracked in personnel files.

*Individuals who have been identified as having an infectious disease, as pursuant to a physician's orders, will be treated according to universal precaution standards. Staff who are deemed still able to work will wear protective equipment as appropriate.