

Designated Infection Preventionist (IP) Role & Competencies

CMS requires each center to designate one or more individual(s) as the infection preventionist(s) (IPs) who are responsible for the center's Infection Prevention and Control Program.**

AHCA has outlined information for centers to consider when developing the role of the Infection Preventionist.

IP Continuum of Activities & Characteristics:

- Infection Prevention & Control
- Performance Improvement
- Patient Safety
- Occupational Health
- Emergency Preparedness
- Mandatory Reporting
- Regulatory Compliance
- Quality Measurement
- Data Understanding & Use in Practice
- Leadership
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Collaboration
- Education
- Self-development

IP Competencies:

- ✓ Knowledge in prevention of infections and spread of infections
- ✓ Management of infection from diagnosis, treatment, antibiotic stewardship, lab use, lab results response, monitoring
- ✓ Disease outbreak investigation and management
- ✓ Infection control practices for staff
- ✓ Environmental cleaning
- ✓ Product evaluation
- ✓ Adult learning and education principles
- ✓ Program administration
- ✓ Surveillance techniques
- ✓ Risk management
- ✓ Quality improvement
- ✓ Policy development & implementation
- ✓ Use of data
- ✓ Serve as liaison with hospital, home health, state health department/local CDC

Key Takeaways:

- ✓ Engage your entire community in the IP&C program and strengthen your culture of safety.
- ✓ Continuously develop your IP&C team and seek self-improvement opportunities.
- ✓ Document IP competencies and establish process to continually assess them.

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