

# Regulation

**REGULATION**

Infection Prevention & Control  
Boot Camp For Long-Term Care Facility  
Infection Preventionists

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**OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Identify three agencies that provide regulations or guidelines for infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities
- Describe the IP's role when meeting with surveyors

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
§483.65 (F441) "The facility must establish and maintain an infection control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of diseases and infection."<sup>17</sup>



1. State Operations Manual Appendix F441-Guidance to Surveyors for Long-Term Care Facilities, Revised February 6, 2025.

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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INFECTION PREVENTIONIST<sup>1</sup> (IP)

- Perform surveillance
  - Track data
  - Analyze data
  - Identify trends
- Consult on infection risks
- Identify and manage outbreaks
- Implement infection prevention and control strategies
- Develop infection prevention policies, including isolation practices
- Report communicable diseases to local health officer & manage exposures
- Follow the guidelines/guidance from
  - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
  - Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
  - Local & State agencies



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AND...

**The facility must establish an infection control program under which it:**

- Investigates, controls, and prevents infections in the facility
- Decides what procedures, such as isolation should be applied to an individual resident
- Maintains a record of incidents and corrective actions related to infections

The facility is required to maintain a Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) Committee



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AND...

“When the infection control program determines that a resident needs isolation to prevent the spread of infection, the facility must isolate the resident.”<sup>1</sup>



“The facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease.”<sup>1</sup>

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## IN ADDITION...

“The facility must require staff to wash their hands after each direct resident contact for which hand washing is indicated by accepted professional practice.”<sup>1</sup>



“Personnel must handle, store, process and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.”<sup>1</sup>

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