12-006.17 Infection Control: The facility must maintain facility practices to provide a sanitary environment and to avoid sources and transmission of infections and communicable diseases. This includes the establishment and maintenance of an infection control program for the prevention, control, and investigation of infections and communicable disease.

12-006.17A Infection Control Program Requirements: The facility must ensure the infection control program has provisions for and implementation of practices for:
1. Identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases of residents and staff;
2. Early detection of infection that identifies trends so any outbreaks may be contained to prevent further spread of infection;
3. Monitoring treatment of infection for appropriateness and for alteration of treatment when necessary;
4. Decisions on what procedures, such as isolation, must be applied to an individual resident with suspected infections; and
5. Maintenance of a record to include observation of unsafe and unsanitary practices, incidents, and corrective action related to infections or transmission of infections. The record must include a system of surveillance of infections for uniform facility use and identification.

12-006.17B Prevention of Cross-Contamination: The facility must prevent cross-contamination between residents in provision of care, sanitation of equipment and supplies, and cleaning of resident’s rooms.

12-006.17C Disease Transmission: The facility must prohibit employees known to be infected with any disease in communicable form to work in any area of the facility in a capacity in which there is a likelihood of the employee transmitting disease to residents or to other facility personnel, food, or food contact surfaces with pathogenic organisms.

12-006.17D Handwashing Requirement: The facility must require staff to wash their hands after each direct resident contact for which handwashing is indicated by acceptable professional practice.

12-007.03J Isolation Rooms: The number and type of isolation rooms in the facility must be based upon infection control risk assessment of the facility.

12-007.03J1 The facility must make provisions for isolating residents with infectious diseases.