33-07-03.2-11. Infection control program.

The facility shall develop and implement a facility wide program, approved by the governing body, for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections. This program must be consistent with the centers for disease control and prevention standards specific to disease control.

The responsibilities of the program include:

1. Establishment of an infection control plan that includes the use of techniques and precautions in accordance with the standards of practice for each department or service.

2. Establishment of policies and procedures for reporting, logging, surveillance, monitoring, and documentation of infections, and the development and implementation of systems to collect and analyze data and activities to prevent and control infections.

3. Development and implementation of policies and procedures including:
   a. The criteria to determine admission eligibility of an individual with a contagious or infectious disease; and
   b. The immediate isolation of all residents in whom the condition jeopardizes the safety of the resident or other residents.

4. Assignment of the responsibility for management of infection surveillance, prevention, and control to a qualified person or persons.

115. Maintenance of proper facilities and appropriate procedures used for disposal of all infectious and other wastes.

6. Development and implementation of a process for inspection and reporting of any employee with an infection who may be in contact with residents, their food, or laundry.

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