

Subchapter B. Infection Control and Sanitation

§9921. Organization

A. A nursing home shall 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 disease and infection.

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§9923. Infection Control Program

A. An infection control committee shall be established consisting of the medical director and representatives from at least administration, nursing, dietary, and housekeeping personnel.

B. The committee shall establish policies and procedures for investigating, controlling, and preventing infections in the nursing home, and monitor staff performance to ensure proper execution of policies and procedures.

C. The committee shall approve and implement written policies and procedures for the collection, storage, handling, and disposal of medical waste.

D. The committee shall meet at least quarterly, documenting the content of its meetings.

E. Reportable diseases as expressed in the *State Sanitary Code* shall be reported to the local parish health unit of the Office of Public Health.

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§9925. Employee Health Policies and Procedures

A. Nursing home employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions shall be prohibited from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease.

B. The nursing home shall require staff to wash their hands after each direct resident contact for which hand washing is indicated by accepted professional practice. An antimicrobial gel or waterless cleaner may be used between resident contact, when appropriate. The nursing home shall follow the Centers for Disease Control's *Guideline for Hand Washing and Hospital Environmental Control*, 1985 for hand washing.

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§9927. Isolation

A. When the infection control program determines that a resident needs isolation to prevent the spread of infection, the nursing home shall isolate the resident.

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§9929. Housekeeping

A. There shall be sufficient housekeeping personnel to maintain a safe, clean, and orderly interior.

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§9931. Nursing Care Equipment

A. Bedpans, urinals, emesis basins, wash basins, and other personal nursing items shall be thoroughly cleaned after each use and sanitized as necessary. Water pitchers, when provided, shall be sanitized as necessary.

B. All catheters, irrigation sets, drainage tubes, or other supplies or equipment for internal use, and as identified by the manufacturer as one-time use only, will be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

C. Disposable syringes used for feeding purposes shall be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

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§9933. Waste and Hazardous Materials Management

A. The nursing home shall have a written and implemented waste management program that identifies and controls wastes and hazardous materials. The program shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing wastes and hazardous materials.

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