

Reference Guide to Infection Prevention and Control Information Contracted Provider Sites

Central Zone Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

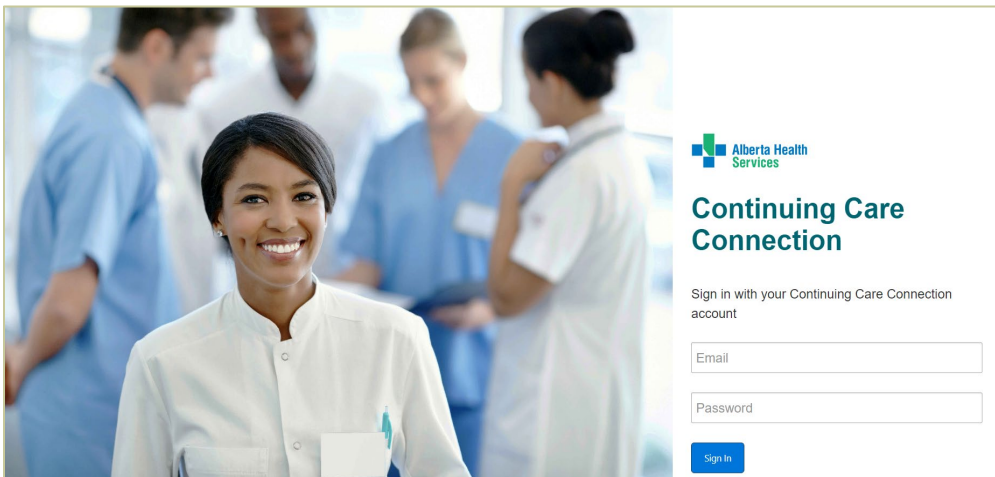
The Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) supporting Contracted Provider sites are available Monday through Friday from 0800-1615h (excluding holidays). If you require further information, please email ipccenzadmin@ahs.ca to have your request forwarded to the appropriate individual. Note: this email is monitored twice daily.

IPC consultation

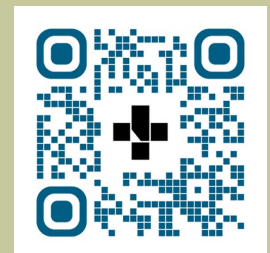
Contact your IPC Designate (if the site has one) / AHS ICP for consultation and support including:


- Application and discontinuation of additional precautions
- Education on related IPC topics
- Determining and managing preventive measures for construction and renovation projects
- Consultation with other departments as it pertains to activities at your site (e.g., housekeeping)

[Continuing Care Connection](#) is where you find IPC resources. You will require an account.



Scan to play a video navigating our AHS IPC Webpages:

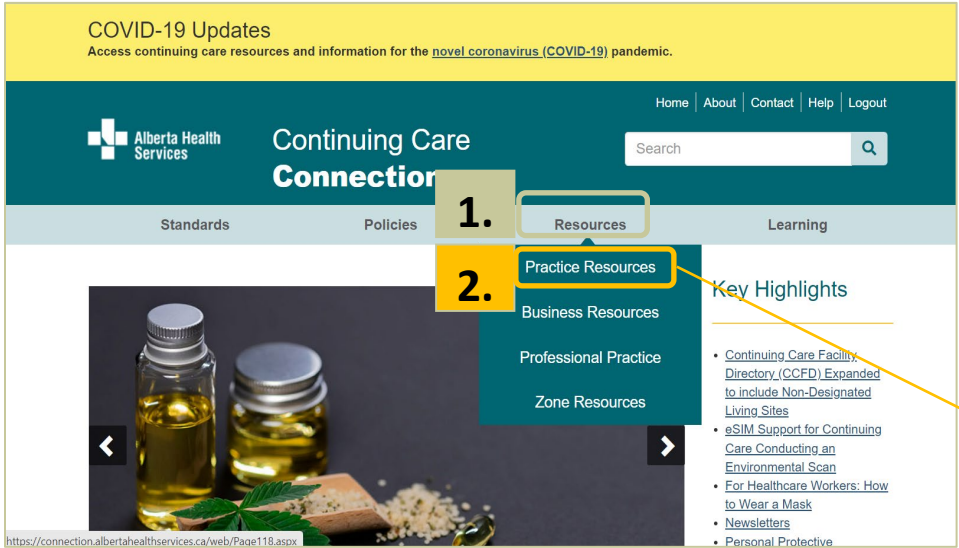


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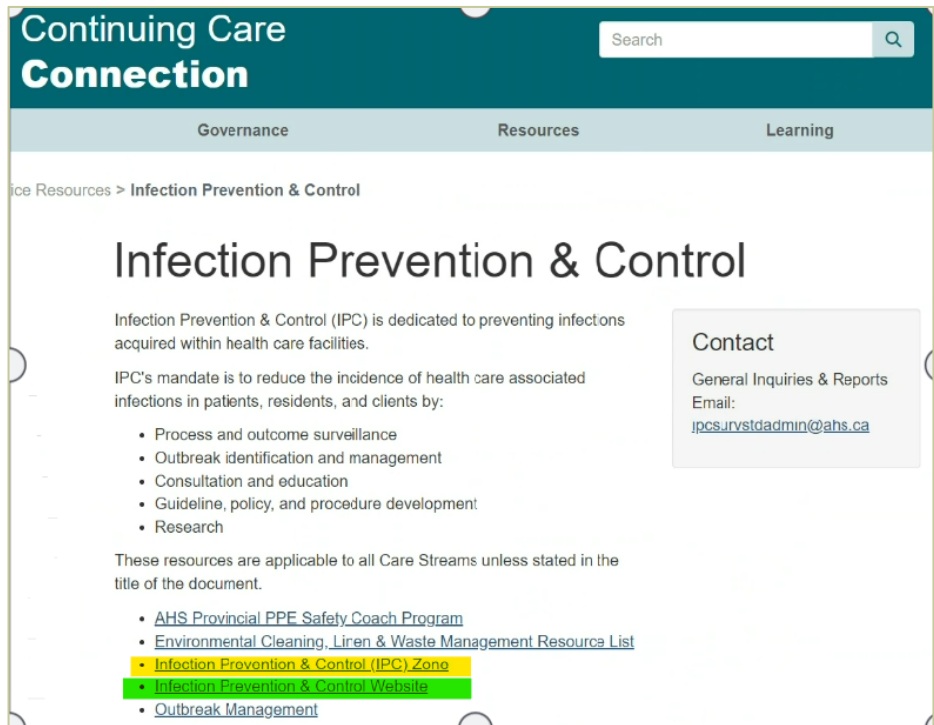
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Once you have logged into Continuing Care Connection, hover over “**Resources**”, click on “**Practice Resources**”, then select “**Infection Prevention & Control (IPC)**”.



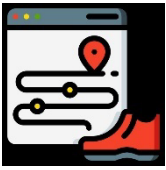
This screenshot shows how to access the main **AHS IPC webpage** where you will find provincial IPC resources and the **Zone IPC webpage** where you will find information specific to **Central Zone**.



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Let's take a tour through our document.

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- [AHS Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning, Liren & Waste Management Resource List](#)
- [Infection Prevention & Control \(IPC\) Zone](#)
- [Infection Prevention & Control Website](#)
- [Outbreak Management](#)

Click on the [Infection Prevention & Control Website](#) (green highlight) to access provincial information.

Click on each box for more information.

Check out the Quick Links, Resources & Topics and Related Programs on the far-right side of the page.
Example: Patient Care Handouts

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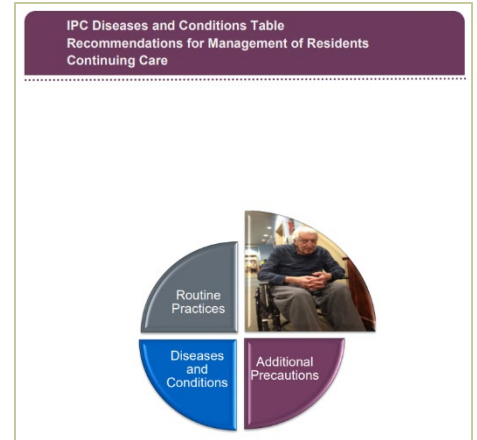
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Resource Manuals

Click on the Continuing Care tab to access information such as:

- [The Continuing Care IPC Resource Manual Diseases and Conditions Table](#)
- Routine Practices Information Sheet
- Additional Precautions Information Sheets and Signs
- Gastrointestinal Illness in Continuing Care
- Managing Rash in Continuing Care
- Respiratory Illness in Continuing Care
- Wound Draining in Continuing Care



Discontinuing precautions

To determine if discontinuing precautions is appropriate:

- Refer to the [Continuing Care IPC Resource Manual Diseases and Conditions Table](#)
- Consult your site IPC Designate / AHS ICP for guidance
- Consult CDC during outbreaks

Once precautions are discontinued:

- Arrange for laundering of soiled clothing, sling and bedding as per site practices.
- Remove additional precaution signage after room isolation clean and resident's personal hygiene is complete (bath or shower).
- Monitor resident for changes in clinical status and consider reinitiating additional precautions if necessary (e.g., new or different rash, new or different cough).

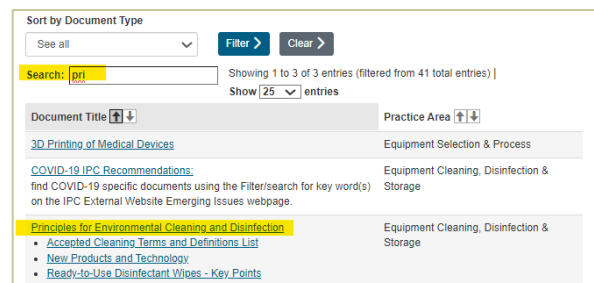


Best Practice Recommendations

Best Practice Recommendations are based on evidence and expert opinion and align to meet Alberta Health, Accreditation Canada and Canadian Standards Association requirements. A couple examples are:

- [Family and Patient Tip Sheet for Personalizing Spaces in CC](#)
- [Selection and Management \(Maintenance, Handling, and Cleaning\) of Isolation Carts](#)

Navigate the provincial Best Practice Recommendations using the search box.



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Hand Hygiene

If you have questions or are looking for hand hygiene resources refer to the [hand hygiene webpage](#) under Infection Prevention & Control or contact the Central Zone Hand Hygiene Project Manager at hand.hygiene@ahs.ca

- Policy & Procedure, Guidelines, 4 Moments posters
- [Education and Training for Hand Hygiene](#)
 - Interactive Hand Hygiene Learning Module
 - Hand Health resources (i.e., FAQ, hand health video)
- [Leadership Toolkit](#) - the Hand Hygiene Leadership Toolkit was developed to help leaders establish team-based hand hygiene initiatives. The toolkit includes background information, resource links, staff engagement activities, and templates to help you inspire your team.

Info for Health Professionals

- [Alcohol-based Hand Rub Recommendations](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [Policy & Procedure](#)
- [Posters](#)
- [Leadership Toolkit](#)
- [Resource Links](#)

Hand Hygiene Campaigns

- [Hand Hygiene Heroes](#)
- [Clean Your Hands Day](#)
- [Global Handwashing Day](#)



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Education and Training for Personnel Protective Equipment

- Posters for Donning and Doffing of PPE
- Interactive Learning Module – *Personal Protective Equipment and You*

[Alberta Health Services' Provincial PPE Safety Coach Program](#) is a voluntary program, which adopts a peer-to-peer approach. PPE Safety Coaches will be available and accessible on each shift, as experts supporting frontline staff using a friendly, informal and helpful approach to help staff select, don and doff their PPE. If you have questions or would like to establish a PPE Safety Coach Program in your area, please contact the IPC Zone Project Manager for assistance at ppesafetycoach@ahs.ca.



Equipment Cleaning

Refer to the table on this tab for reprocessing information. **Always refer to the manufacturer's instructions for use.** For information on cleaning particular equipment such as IT equipment and resident lifts, see [Best Practice Recommendations](#). A couple examples are:

- [Key Points for Ready-to-Use \(RTU\) Pre-moistened Disinfectant Wipes](#)
- [New Products and Technology](#)

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All equipment used for resident care must be cleaned and disinfected after use. Stethoscopes require a routine deep clean (use the attached cleaning card as your reference tool).

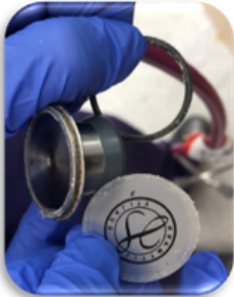
Deep Clean for Stethoscopes

Perform a deep clean on a regular basis or when visibly soiled.

Remove the diaphragm from the rim and clean the parts in soapy water or wipe with a 70% alcohol swab or RTU Wipe. Earbuds can be removed from the ear tubes for thorough cleaning.

Dry all parts and surfaces thoroughly before reassembling the stethoscope.

For more detailed information on cleaning refer to the manufacturer's instructions.





Outbreak Management

Early recognition of unusual clusters of illness and swift actions in response are essential for effective management of outbreaks.

This provincial IPC webpage has supporting documents to help prevent the spread of infection.

Select a Topic

All Resources	Acute Care	Child Care Facilities
Correctional Centres	Continuing Care Homes	Supportive Living Accommodations
Schools	Shelter Sites	

Search: Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries (filtered from 7 total entries) Show entries

Continuing Care Homes
(formerly Long Term Care, Designated Supportive Living and Hospice Sites)

Guide

- [Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Continuing Care Homes](#)
- [Notice of Change](#)

Outbreak Prevention Tools

- [Outbreak Prevention Checklist](#)
- [Surveillance Case Tracking Sheet](#)
- [Advanced Prescriptions for Oseltamivir \(Tamiflu\)](#)
- [Outbreak Antiviral Prophylaxis in Supportive Living Accommodation and Continuing Care Homes Type B Site](#)

Outbreak Management Tools


- [Respiratory Outbreak Checklist](#)
- [Gastrointestinal Outbreak Checklist](#)
- [Visiting During Respiratory Illness Outbreaks](#)

Risk Assessment

- [Risk Assessment Matrix to Determine MOH Pre-Approval](#)
- [Risk Assessment Worksheet](#)

Quick Links

- [IPC Risk Assessment](#)
- [Outbreak Spotlight Poster](#)
(also available in: [Traditional Chinese](#))
- [Contact and Droplet Precautions](#)
- [Contact Precautions](#)



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As new infections and disease emerge in our healthcare settings, changes to standard Infection Prevention and Control practices may be required.

Infection Prevention & Control

Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) is dedicated to **preventing infections** acquired within healthcare facilities.

The [IPC goal](#) is to reduce the incidence of healthcare associated infections in patients, residents, and clients by:

- process and outcome surveillance
- outbreak identification and management
- consultation and education

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Infection Prevention & Control

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Jump to topic:

- [Monkey Pox](#)
- [COVID-19](#)
- [Measles](#)
- [SARI - Severe Acute Respiratory Infections \(MERS-CoV\)](#)
- [IPC Tools for Disaster Management](#)
- [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever \(VHF\)/Ebola](#)

Quick Links

Emerging Issues

Disease & Condition Tables:

- [Acute care](#)
- [Continuing Care](#)

Point of Care:

- [Point of Care Risk Assessment \(PCRA\)](#)
- [Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions: Respiratory \(IL\) Algorithm](#)
- [Rapid assessment & triage for patients presenting with fever](#)

Resources & Topics

[Contact Us](#)

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[External Links](#)



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Zones

Infection Prevention & Control

North | Edmonton | **Central** | Calgary | South

Clostridioides difficile Infection (CDI) Management

- [Checklist for Suspect or Confirmed CDI](#)
- [Stool Chart/Bowel Record 2016 Sample Form 20404 - Order from DATA Communications](#)
- [Tiered Management of CDI in Acute Care](#)
- [AHS Provincial Contact Precautions Sporicidal Clean \(Poster\)](#)

Outbreak Management

- [Outbreak Management CZMOH – Acute Care, Long Term Care, Supportive Living](#)

Patients with Diarrhea Management Tools

- [Management of Patients with Diarrhea Acute Care](#)
- [Management of Residents with Diarrhea Continuing Care](#)

IPC Resources

- [Manager / Charge Nurse Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Transportation of Contaminated Medical Devices](#)
- [Isolation Key Points](#)
- [Cleaning & Storage of Loaner Equipment in Home Care Settings](#)
- [Reference Guide: Contracted Provider & Non-Designated Supportive Living Sites](#)
- [Reference Guide: Home Care Managers & Staff](#)
- [Water Release Quick Reference](#)
- [Pre-Construction Planning Guide](#)
- [Respiratory Illness Management in AHS LTC/DSL/Hospice Settings](#)

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Check out a few examples of our zone resources

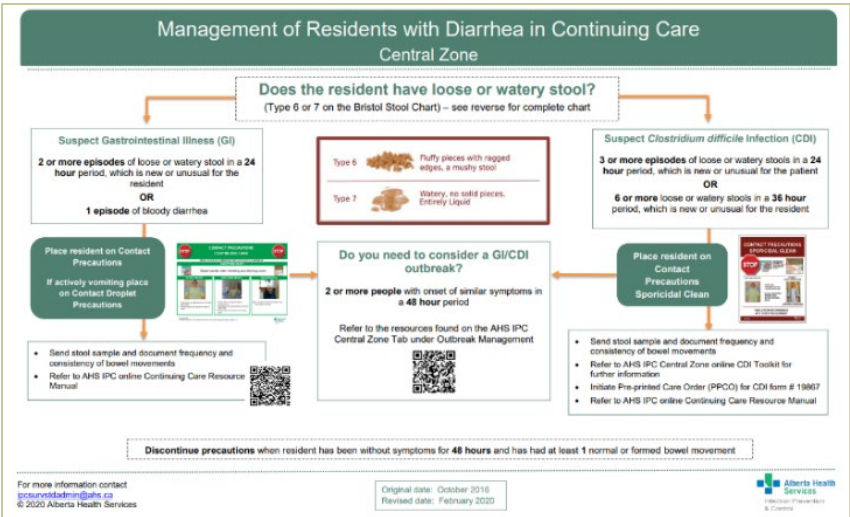


Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI)

If you suspect a resident has a CDI:

- Initiate CDI Checklist - <http://www.ahsweb.ca/ipc/cdi-chklist-zone-z3-cz-cdi-toolkit>
- Consult with the resident’s physician to determine if the stool sample should be sent to the lab.
- Refer to the [Antimicrobial Stewardship Program webpage](#) and the [Bugs and Drugs webpage](#) for additional information.

Diarrhea management tools



Note: additional posters are found under [Resource Manuals](#) on the **Continuing Care** tab and the Resources and Topics links ([Posters](#)).

<p>Resource Manuals</p>	<p>Posters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated Cardboard • Laundering Personal Patient Items in Washing Machine • Tub Cleaning Sign
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• ICRA & Preventive Measures Toolkit
Medical Device Reprocessing
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