In the beginning of 2018/19-Q1, the addictions and mental health units at the Peter Lougheed Centre have trained four staff members as site-based reviewers. By regularly performing hand hygiene reviews, unit staff have noticed an increase in hand hygiene engagement and awareness. The Alberta Children’s Hospital Hand Hygiene Committee put a site-wide callout requesting all areas to identify at least one frontline hand hygiene champion. This individual is to perform hand hygiene reviews, generate hand hygiene compliance reports and also, encourage and support hand hygiene improvement initiatives within their area.

In an effort to promote not only proper hand hygiene practices of staff, volunteers, physicians, patients, families, and visitors, but also the hand hygiene review process and the role of a site-based reviewer, members of the South Health Campus Hand Hygiene Committee attended various site events. The committee members continue to promote and support the use of site-based reviewers to perform hand hygiene reviews as well as identify possible areas for improvement. The site hand hygiene compliance increased from 73.3% in 2018/19-Q2 to 80.1% in 2018/19-Q4 and continues to increase.

* For more information on 95% confidence intervals, refer to Appendix B in the Alberta Health Services Annual Hand Hygiene Compliance Report.