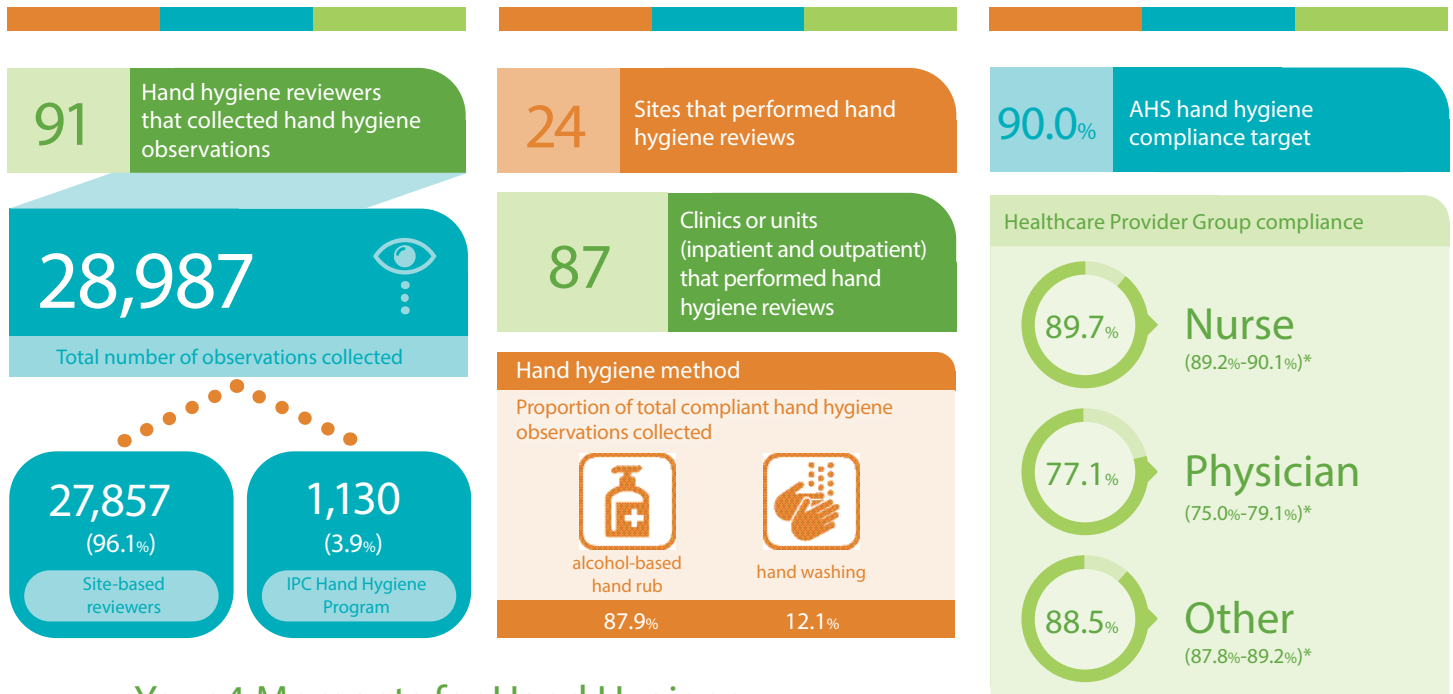


Hand Hygiene

2019/20

South Zone

Hand hygiene compliance **88.7%**



Your 4 Moments for Hand Hygiene



Most commonly missed opportunities for Your 4 Moments for Hand Hygiene

- Staff worked in the healthcare environment and then contacted a patient/patient's environment
- Staff worked in the healthcare environment and then accessed aseptic/clean supplies
- Staff had a body fluid exposure risk and then worked in the healthcare environment
- Staff contacted a patient/patient's environment and then worked in the healthcare environment

In an effort to prepare for the cycle of Accreditation Canada in the rural hospitals, there were many ongoing efforts to improve IPC practices, especially those related to hand hygiene. The rural setting is unique and presents many challenges and ongoing barriers to accommodate and prepare for accreditation; however, many of the rural sites in the South Zone were tasked with these challenges and utilized their innovation and resources to become accreditation ready. For example, there was a site who did not have a reviewer due to staffing shortages and other workflow demands. The site and a hand hygiene coordinator fostered their relationship and came up with a solution to achieve reviews by incorporating reviews into daily work rather than considering it an add-on duty. The rural sites also encouraged the ability to update resources to accommodate accreditation standards, which included updated and proper signage, alcohol-based hand rub placement or handwashing availability at the point-of-care, and educational opportunities for staff.

* For more information on 95% confidence intervals, refer to the AHS IPC Annual Hand Hygiene Compliance Report.