

**The Bree Collaborative
Draft Topic Charter and Roster**

Problem Statement

The past several decades have seen a significant shift in healthcare delivery from inpatient to outpatient settings, yet outpatient settings often lack the infrastructure or resources to support infection prevention and surveillance activities.¹ The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of infection control measures, as the first confirmed case in the United States was in Washington, and as of December 2021 over 800,000 Washingtonians have been infected.² At the same time, strong infection control policies and procedures like physical distancing and masking have disrupted the circulation of other respiratory viruses and infectious diseases.³

Aim

To help standardize infection control practices in the outpatient setting in order to mitigate the spread of prevalent infectious diseases.

Purpose

To propose evidence-informed recommendations to the full Bree Collaborative on practical and evidence-based methods for implementation of infection control in the outpatient setting, including:

- Defining topic area and scope
- Applying existing infection control guidelines to Washington state
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Duties & Functions

The workgroup will:

- Research evidence-informed and expert-opinion informed guidelines and best practices (emerging and established).
- Identify current barriers and future opportunities for implementing interventions.
- Consult relevant professional associations and other stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts for feedback, as appropriate.
- Meet for approximately nine months, as needed.
- Provide updates at Bree Collaborative meetings.
- Post draft report(s) on the Bree Collaborative website for public comment prior to sending report to the Bree Collaborative for approval and adoption.
- Present findings and recommendations in a report.
- Recommend data-driven and practical implementation strategies including metrics or a process for measurement.
- Create and oversee subsequent subgroups to help carry out the work, as needed.
- Revise this charter as necessary based on scope of work.

