Outpatient Infection Control Guideline Checklist
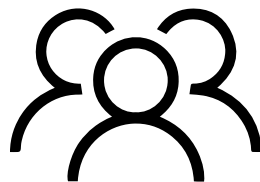## Public Health Agency
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The current state of the issue

Over the past few decades, healthcare delivery has largely moved from acute inpatient facilities to outpatient and community-based settings.[1] Proper infection control practices are essential to reduce the risk of healthcare-acquired infections.[2] The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) developed minimum expectations for outpatient infection control in 2016, but emerging pathogens and the COVID-19 pandemic have highlighted the need for more robust procedures.[3] These guidelines focus on infection control measures for outpatient healthcare settings. While they provide a general outline to improve infection control practices, each site must adhere to applicable regulations from the CDC, Department of Health, and their local health jurisdiction as needed.

Prevention

☐ Align/coordinate communication efforts between state- and local- public health.
☐ Hire staff to maintain communication and coordination efforts including alignment with other public health agencies and providing information to the public through multiple domains to allow equitable distribution.

Monitoring and Surveillance

☐ Develop and maintain accessible dashboards for communicable diseases. Ensure reporting data entry/collection systems are easy to use and integrated with existing technology.
☐ Maintain accessible registries of immunization.

Resources

- The Bree Report on Outpatient Infection Control is meant to supplement these resources.
- Full Bree Report on Outpatient Infection Control: www.qualityhealth.org/bree/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/09/Bree-Outpatient-Infection-Control_Final.pdf
- WA DOH Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR): www.doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/healthcare-associated-infections/infection-control-assessment-and-response
- WA DOH Notifiable Conditions: doh.wa.gov/public-health-provider-resources/notifiable-conditions
- CDC Infection Control Self-Assessment Tools: www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/infection-control-assessment-tools.html
- CDC Infection Control Resource Center: www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/index.html
- CDC Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Settings: www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html
- OSHA Infectious Disease and Healthcare Workers: www.osha.gov/healthcare/infectious-diseases

Read the full Bree Report on Outpatient Infection Control online by scanning the QR code:

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