

Outpatient Infection Control Guideline Checklist

Clinicians and Staff
Level 3



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

- ☐ Practice motivational interviewing, empathic inquiry, or other collaborative education processes to address vaccine hesitancy.

Resources

- The Bree Report on Pediatric Asthma 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

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