

# Outpatient Infection Control Guideline Checklist

Public Health Agency  
Level 1



## 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.<sup>1</sup> Proper infection control practices are essential to reduce the risk of healthcare-acquired infections.<sup>2</sup> The Centers for Disease Control 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.<sup>3</sup> 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

- ☐ Communicate up-to-date preventative guidelines to other public health agencies, health delivery systems, providers, and patients as appropriate.

### Environment and Sterilization

- ☐ Train and educate outpatient health facilities on sterilization and high-level disinfection.

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/infection-control-assessment-tools.html)
- CDC Infection Control Resource Center: [www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/index.html)
- CDC Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Settings: [www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/settings/outpatient/outpatient-care-guidelines.html)
- OSHA Infectious Disease and Healthcare Workers: [www.osha.gov/healthcare/infectious-diseases](http://www.osha.gov/healthcare/infectious-diseases)

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