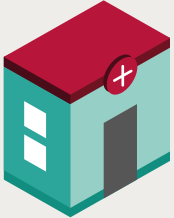


Infection Prevention Team COVID-19 Consultations

Tennessee Department of Health's Infection Prevention Team offers expert consultation for **prevention, mitigation and containment** of COVID-19 outbreaks in healthcare settings including:



- Acute care hospitals
- Homes for the aged
- Nursing homes
- Dialysis centers
- Assisted living facilities

Infection Control Assessments are offered **remotely or onsite**. In-person visits allow for additional targeted guidance for facilities. Assessment includes the following areas:

- **Assessment of core elements of infection prevention program**
 - Hand hygiene, education, return demonstration, quality assurance, feedback to frontline staff
- **Screening for residents and healthcare personnel (HCP)**
- **Testing recommendations and interpretation of results for residents and HCP**
- **Outbreak response testing guidance**
 - Specimen collection best practices

- Waste management recommendations
- Cohorting guidance-resident placement
- Isolation and quarantine guidance for HCP
- Transmission Based Precautions for COVID (+) and COVID suspect units
- **Environment of care:**

- Engineering controls, airflow and clearance rates under different ventilation conditions
- Cleaning and disinfection of resident and staff areas according to best practices
- Assessment of cleaning and disinfecting products with emerging pathogen claims



- **Personal protective equipment optimization**
- **Management of high-risk populations**
 - Hemodialysis, memory care units, vent/trach, etc.
- **National Healthcare Safety Network**
Training, assistance with enrollment, and data feedback



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