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Infection Prevention Resource List

Helpful resources to support nursing homes with infection prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

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Resource	Organization	Type	Description & Links
All Cause Harm Prevention Change Package	Telligen	🛠	The All Cause Harm Prevention Change Package serves as a key resource to improve quality of life through safer care for the nation's 1.4 million nursing home residents. The change package offers strategies and actions to prevent specific types of adverse events and harms. Strategies and action items to improve infection prevention practices, while diminishing the risk and spread of COVID-19 start on page 32. A supplemental Implementation Guide provides six steps towards implementing strategies in the change package.
COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	🛠	This survey to be used by surveyors determines compliance and whether the facility is implementing proper infection prevention and control practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable disease and infections. Reference the CMS Memo, updated 3/10/21 for additional information.
Fishbone Diagram Worksheet	Telligen	🛠	This fishbone diagram worksheet will walk you through doing a root cause analysis (RCA) and includes a fishbone diagram you can complete as part of your RCA. For more information and guidance on using a fishbone tool and doing a RCA, reference: How to Use the Fishbone Tool for Root Cause Analysis, and/or Guidance for Performing Root Cause Analysis (RCA) with Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs).
Guidance for Proper Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Center for Disease Control's (CDC)	🛠	This infographic reviews the sequence for putting on PPE, as well as, how to safely remove PPE.

For a mask to offer protection — rather than becoming a vehicle for COVID-19 germ-spreading or any germ spreading — it must be handled, worn, and stored properly. This step-by-step video on mask-wearing covers how to properly use and re-use a mask. |

Guidebook for Infection Prevention and Control Preparedness	Telligen	🔧	This [guidebook](#) is intended as a resource to assist with nursing home quality improvement initiatives related to infection control and prevention. Each section provides resources to help generate ideas for improvement strategies, example change strategies, and metrics to monitor progress.
Long-Term Care Infection Prevention Audit	Telligen	🔧	This is a [tool](#) for facilities to self-assess their infection prevention and control practices. The infection preventionist or designated person can use this tool to document observations while purposefully walking through the facility as staff are performing their daily tasks.
Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities	Telligen	🔧	This fillable [form](#) is a tool intended to assist in the assessment of infection control programs and practices in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
Long Term Care (LTC) Infection Control Worksheet	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)	🔧	The [Long Term Care (LTC) Infection Control Worksheet](#) comprises both regulatory requirements and best practices in infection prevention and control. This can be used by nursing homes as a self-assessment tool to prepare for the COVID-19 Focused Survey and proactively identify gaps in infection prevention and control practices routinely. Reference the [CMS Memo](#), updated 3/10/21 for additional information.
Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course	Center for Disease Control's (CDC)	🎥	This free [Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course](#) provides infection prevention and control (IPC) training for individuals responsible for implementing IPC programs in nursing homes. The 23-module course offers continuing education credit and a certificate of completion. Modules especially relevant to responding to the current COVID-19 pandemic include: • Module 4 – Infection Surveillance • Module 5 – Outbreaks • Module 6A – Principles of Standard Precautions • Module 6B – Principles of Transmission-Based Precautions • Module 7 – Hand Hygiene
PDSA Worksheet	Telligen	🔧	[The PDSA worksheet](#) will walk you through the steps to conduct a Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) process or cycle.
Training to enroll in and use CDC's	Center for Disease	🎥	A [series of six trainings developed by the CDC](#) cover information to help nursing homes enroll in and use NHSN. The NHSN, [Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Component](#) provides long-term care facilities with a

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)	Control's (CDC)		customized system to track infections and prevention process measures in a systematic way. Establishing a system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread is included in 483.80 Infection Control.