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COVID-19 Related Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel

With the beginning of the school year and anticipated increase in COVID-19 cases, please consider reviewing the CDC guidance, "Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)," available here: https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/infection-control/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html

As stated in the article, the guidance continues to apply after the expiration of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and was most recently updated on March 18.

What YOU Need to Know about Infection Prevention - Earn a Certificate

What YOU Need to Know about Infection Prevention is a cost-free, online five-module course addressing various aspects of infection prevention and control. The course was made possible by a collaboration between the Indiana Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Project Firstline, and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community.

The five modules were developed with input from Indiana healthcare workers on their desire for further education in infection prevention. The modules are:

- How Does Science Work?
- How Do I Know What Guidelines to Listen To?
- Using Clinical Guidelines Beyond the Clinic
- Recognize Infection Risks in Healthcare
- *Candida auris*: Stopping the Spread

Earn a certificate from the Indiana Department of Health by completing all five modules and passing a final exam. To register for the course, click **What YOU Need to Know About Infection Prevention** (https://store.uindy.edu/product?catalog=Firstline).

Long-term Care Leadership Conference – Nov 19

Be sure to register and attend the 2024 IDOH Long-term Care Leadership Conference, "Safe & Sound – Prioritizing Resident Safety in Nursing Homes."

This informative conference will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis and virtually. Topics will include fall prevention strategies, wandering and elopement behaviors, caring for residents at risk for choking, and an after-action tornado panel discussing the March 2024 tornado that impacted two long-term care facilities.

See the agenda, featured speakers, and register for the conference at https://www.ltcconferences.com/.

MDS 3.0 RAI Manual Version 1.19.1

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted the draft of the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual version 1.19.1 at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality/Nursing-Home-Improvement/Resident-Assessment-Instrument-Manual. The changes will be effective beginning 10/1/24. A description of the changes is attached here:

- RAI 1.19.1 Manual Updates.pdf