

Wisconsin Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program Updates

Assisted Living Forum

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- The Wisconsin HAI Prevention Program is non-regulatory.
- There is no affiliation with any facilities or products.
- All content is based on current guidance and best practices.

Agenda

- HAI Prevention Program structure
- Support to Assisted Living Facilities
- We want to hear from you!

HAI Prevention Program Structure



Our Program Services Are...

 Non-regulatory

 Education-based

 No charge

Program Areas

Administrative

**Infection
Prevention Unit**

**Surveillance and
Education Unit**

Kim Goffard

HAI Prevention Program Manager

Linda Ramthun

Infection Prevention Unit
Supervisor

Christina Olivier

Surveillance and Education Unit
Supervisor

Program Areas

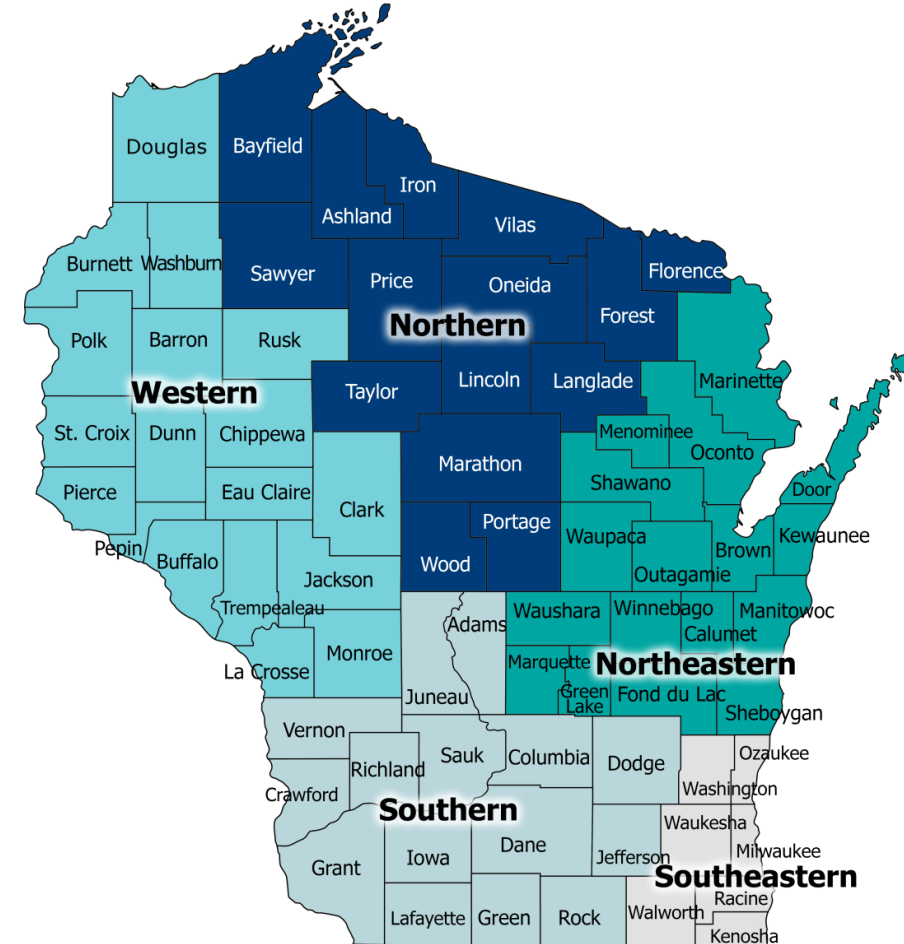
Administrative

**Infection
Prevention Unit**

Surveillance and
Education Unit

Regional Infection Preventionists

- **Western Region:** Nikki Mueller
- **Northern Region:** Anna Marciniak
- **Northeastern Region:** Tess Hendricks
- **Southeastern Region:** Cross-covered
- **Southern Region:** Paula Pintar



Specialty Infection Preventionists

- **Ambulatory Care:** Jen Kuhn
- **Dialysis:** Rebecca LeMay
- **Infection Prevention Onboarding:** Ashley O'Keefe
- **Multidrug-Resistant Organisms:** Greta Michaelson
- **Outbreak and Emerging Diseases:** Beth Ellinger
- **Special Projects:** Linda Coakley

Program Areas

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Surveillance and Education Unit

- **Antimicrobial Stewardship**

- Antimicrobial Stewardship Coordinator: Dr. Lindsay Taylor
- Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Epidemiologist: Megan Lasure

- **Surveillance**

- HAI Epidemiologist: Currently vacant
- National Healthcare Safety Network Surveillance Coordinator: Nancy Eberle

Surveillance and Education Unit

- **Legionellosis Surveillance**

- Legionellosis Surveillance Coordinator: Frances Goglio
- Legionella Industrial Hygienist: Bruce Meiners

- **Education**

- Public Health Educator: Molly Bieber
- Public Health Educator: Mariah Welke

Support





Assisted Living Facilities can look like this.

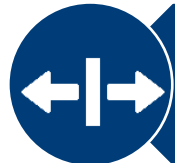


But they can also look like this.

IPC Basic Principles



Hand hygiene



Separation of clean and dirty



Cleaning and disinfection



Environmental infection control



Precautions

**Prevention
support
we can
provide:**

Performing on-site or remote infection control assessments.

Participating in outbreak and infection control breach investigations.

Reviewing infection prevention process to help identify needs and gaps.

Providing education and technical assistance on a variety of infection prevention topics.

Education and Resources



Guides and Tools

- [Transmission-Based Precautions Reference Guide](#)
- [Annual Risk Assessment Template](#)
- [Situational Risk Assessment Template](#)
- [Infection Surveillance Log](#)

Transmission-Based Precautions in Health Care Settings Reference Guide

This reference guide may be used for common diseases to prevent transmission of infectious agents in health care settings. For a more complete list of infectious diseases and indicated precautions, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Appendix A: Type and Duration of Recommended for Selected Infections and Conditions](#). For a general list of clinical syndromes or conditions warranting empiric transmission-based precautions, refer to CDC's [Appendix A: Table 2. Clinical Syndromes or Conditions Warranting Empiric Transmission-Based Precautions in Addition to Standard Precautions](#).

Standard precautions

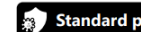
Standard precautions
contact with blood,
Standard precautions
symptomatic, or no

Annual Infection Prevention and Control Goal Tracking

Year:

Organization name:

Date of report:



Standard precautions

Risk: Example: *Inadequate adherence to transmission-based precautions*

Goal	Strategies	Responsible party	Q1 Progress check
Additional info: Improve proper selection of PPE based on the patient's medical symptoms and diagnosis from 50% to 90% by June 1st, 2024	Provide refresher training on proper PPE selection for specific symptoms and diagnoses according to CDC Appendix A	Infection preventionist	Proper selection was at 60% for the first quarter.
	Require all staff to perform a return demonstration of proper PPE selection, donning, and doffing when given a fictitious patient diagnosis	Infection preventionist	Training provided to 100% of staff at mandatory staff meeting in April 2024.
	Perform at least 10 PPE audits per month and report findings at infection control committee.	Nurse educator	Completed with 100% of staff at mandatory meeting in April 2024.
	Complete hand hygiene audits with clinical staff	Unit manager	Only 5 audits performed first quarter.

Situational Risk Assessment Tool

Use this risk assessment template to assess new or current situations, problems, processes, or practices within your facility. Use the template as is or adjust to meet the needs of your facility or organization.

Situation requiring assessment:	
Locations assessed:	
Departments impacted:	
Date prepared:	
Prepared by (name and title):	
Context and considerations for decision making:	
Identified risk:	Desired outcome:

Webpages

- [Infection Prevention Education](#)
- [Infection Preventionist Starter Kit](#)
- [Precautions](#)



Infection Prevention Education

Find educational materials for infection preventionists on infection prevention and HAIs.

[Find educational materials](#)



Infection Preventionist Starter Kit

The interactive, web-based “starter kit” provides background information, resources, and templates for infection preventionists.

[Access the starter kit](#)



Precautions

Get information on standard, transmission-based, and enhanced-barrier precautions.

[Learn about precautions](#)

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Questions?

Thank you!

