The facility must establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.

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**Infection Prevention & Control Program (IPCP)**

- Written standards, policies, and procedures, which must include, but are not limited to:
  - A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread
  - Standards and transmission-based precautions to prevent spread
  - When and how isolation should be used for a resident, including:
    - The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved
    - A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible
    - Employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions
  - When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported
  - The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact

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**Influenza & Pneumococcal Immunizations**

- A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible

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**Healthcare Personnel**

- The facility must develop policies and procedures to ensure that:
  - Before offering the influenza (or pneumococcal) immunization, each resident (or the resident’s representative) receives education regarding the benefits and potential side effects of the immunization
  - Each resident is offered influenza immunization October 1 through March 31 annually and pneumococcal immunization unless the immunizations are medically contraindicated or the resident has already been immunized during this time period

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**Annual Review**

- The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP and update their program as necessary

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**Personnel**

- Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection

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**Infection Preventionist (IP)**

- The resident (or the resident’s representative) has the opportunity to refuse immunization

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**Linens**

- The resident’s medical record includes documentation that indicates, at a minimum: resident education, resident refusal or immunization administration, and medical contraindication

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**The facility must designate one or more individual(s) as IPs who are responsible for the facility’s IPCP.**

**IP Participation on Quality Assessment and Assurance (QA) Committee**

- Be qualified by education, training, experience, or certification

**TIP**

Source your state IPCP regulation as they may be more stringent than the federal regulations.