

Primary Care Infection Prevention & Control (ICP) Forum June 2022

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IPC for life not just COVID!

- Business as usual – what does that mean?
- All healthcare organisations should undertake local risk assessments to ensure safe systems of work
- Return to pre pandemic distancing in all areas including Primary Care
- Returning to pre-pandemic cleaning protocols outside of COVID-19 areas, with enhanced cleaning only required in areas where patients with suspected or known infection are being managed. – CQC will still expect BP cuffs, other equipment, surfaces to be cleaned between pts!
- Patients being accompanied as per pre-pandemic

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Facemasks

- Health and care staff should continue to wear facemasks as part of PPE required for transmission-based precautions when working in COVID-19/respiratory care pathways, and when clinically caring for suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients – likely to include primary care
- Health and care staff are in general not required to wear facemasks in nonclinical areas e.g. offices, social settings, unless this is their personal preference or there are specific issues raised by a risk assessment
- Patients: outpatients, UEC and primary care:
 - Patients with respiratory symptoms who are required to attend for emergency treatment should wear a facemask/covering, if tolerated, or offered one on arrival.
 - All other patients are not required to wear a facemask unless this is a personal preference.

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National Infection Prevention & Control Manual for England

Chapter 1: Standard Infection Control Precautions – what are these?

Are to be used by all staff, in all care settings, at all times, for all patients whether infection is known to be present or not.

- Hand hygiene - respiratory / cough hygiene
- PPE
- Safe management of care equipment & environment
- Management blood & body fluid spills
- Waste (including sharps)
- Occupational safety
- [C1636-national-ipc-manual-for-england-v2.pdf](#)

National Infection Prevention & Control Manual for England continued

- Chapter 2: Transmission based Precautions – what are these?
- SICPs may be insufficient to prevent cross transmission of specific infectious agents and additional precautions called “Transmission Based Precautions” (TBP) may be required when caring for patients with known / suspected infection
- Assessment of infection risk – patient
- Safe management of equipment / environment in isolation room
- PPE & respiratory protective equipment (RPE)
- Aerosol generating procedures
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IPC Role in Primary Care

- Do you know what your IPC role is? What do you think it should be?
- IPC role – why is it important?
- Training & Education for the IPC role – update on protected learning time



National Feedback required

Help us to improve Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Mandatory Training

- The National NHSE/I IPC team are looking for front-line staff to provide information on their experiences and views about mandatory IPC training.
- The information will be used to inform the development of a new mandatory IPC training programme which we hope will be engaging, innovative and, most importantly, facilitate behaviour changes around IPC Practice.
- Access here: [Frontline Staff Survey](#)
- Closes 28th June
- **Opportunity to input into review of**
- The UKHSA is leading a review of the [UTI diagnostic flowchart](#). A key aspect of the update is the consultation with those for whom the guidance is currently targeted in primary care, such as pharmacists, GPs, nurses, and doctors who work in out-of-hours settings. They would like to set up an exploratory needs assessment focus group in the first instance including representation from these groups. Some key considerations:
 - Review of the current diagnostic flowchart and design
 - Consideration of application to the COVID and post-COVID environment, including relevance to remote consultation or other changes etc.
- If you and your GP practice/ pharmacy would be interested in participating, please contact Eirwen.Sides@phe.gov.uk.
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New Notifiable Diseases Form & Reminder what needs reporting

[Notifiable diseases and causative organisms: how to report - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

		 V1.0 June 2022	
South East Registered Medical Practitioner Notification Form			
Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010: Notification to the proper officer of the local authority			
Notifiable Disease			
Disease, infection or contamination:			
Date of onset of symptoms:	Consultation date:	Date of death (if patient died):	
Index Case Details			
First name:			
Surname:			
Gender (M/F):		Date of birth:	
Ethnicity:		NHS number:	
Home address:			
			Postcode:
Current residence if not home address:			



Hand hygiene Audit Tool for General Practice

Action

- This audit tool should be used as a monthly rolling programme of audit of compliance with your 'Hand hygiene Policy'. All staff should be assessed for hand hygiene technique on at least an annual basis.
- All columns should be completed.
- During clinical situations, where possible, staff should be observed undertaking 'Key Moments' – see overleaf.
- During non-clinical situations, e.g. assessing hand hygiene technique after a team meeting, tick N/A in the 'Key Moments' column.
- In the event of non-compliance, action plans should be produced and reviewed regularly.
- Completed audit tools should be kept locally for good practice assurance and as evidence for CQC inspections.

NOTES:

* Staff should be 'Bare Below the Elbows' (BBE) when delivering direct care to residents. BBE is being free from long-sleeved clothing, wrist and hand jewellery (other than one plain band ring). Long sleeves, if worn, should be rolled or pushed up to the elbows. Finger nails should be short and clean, no nail varnish, false or acrylic nails, nail extensions or nail jewellery.
**Refer to the 'Hand hygiene technique for staff' poster overleaf.

Auditor		Practice Name			Date	
Observation	Staff member being observed	'Key Moments' Was the opportunity taken to clean their hands at each moment.	Staff are 'Bare Below the Elbows'	Cuts and grazes are covered with a waterproof plaster	The correct hand hygiene technique is used when cleaning hands**	Paper towels are disposed of without touching the waste bin lid
No. 1		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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No. 3		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 4		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 5		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

IPC in Primary Care

- What's working?
- What is not working – answers in the chat – thank you
- Don't forgot to use syheartlandsccg.shipc@nhs.net
- If you want IPC question / query answered