

# IPC Bulletin for Domiciliary Care

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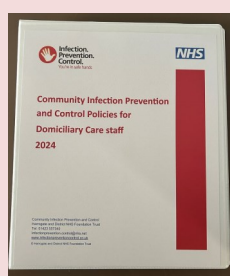
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## Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Policies

The CQC require all Domiciliary Care providers to have IPC Policies in place. To assist you with this requirement, an **updated set** of Community IPC Policies specifically for Domiciliary Care staff is now available.

The 24 Policies can be freely downloaded at [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/domiciliary-care/policies/](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/domiciliary-care/policies/). Alternatively a Policy folder is available to purchase by completing an [order form](#) or telephone 01423 557340.

### Significant changes to the following policies



**Antimicrobial stewardship: New Policy** detailing the role of Domiciliary Care staff in ensuring appropriate antimicrobial use and stewardship to optimise outcomes for service users and reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance.

**C. difficile:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Hand hygiene:** Clarification relating to religious bangles and use of disposable over-sleeves. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Isolation: New Policy** which predominately applies when providing personal care to a group of service users in a supported living or sheltered housing complex. A comprehensive table with an A-Z of infections and inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**MRGNB, including CPE:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**MRSA:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Outbreaks of communicable infection: New Policy** which predominately applies when providing personal care to a group of service users in a supported living or sheltered housing complex.

**PPE:** Consideration of overuse of PPE and its environmental impact. Clarification of glove use when making beds. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Respiratory and cough hygiene:** Updated to reflect the 'Standard infection control precaution' (SICP) in the 'National

*infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England*. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Respiratory illnesses: New policy** covering the spread of respiratory tract infections and management of service users with respiratory illnesses. A-Z of respiratory illnesses table.

**Safe disposal of waste, including sharps:** Now includes information on sharps disposal. Sharps containers no longer require disposal at 3 months.

**Safe management of blood and body fluid spillages:** Actions for blood and body fluid spillage tables. Advice is to disinfect followed by cleaning. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Safe management of care equipment:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Safe management of sharps and inoculation injuries:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**Safe management of the care environment:** Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

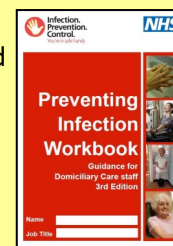
**Scabies:** Update in accordance with revised guidance on the treatment regime for scabies. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

**SICPs and TBPs:** Addition of 'Transmission based precautions'.

**Viral gastroenteritis/Norovirus:** Updated with when to use eye protection and a fluid resistant surgical mask. The decision to declare the end of an outbreak must be taken with the local Community IPC/UKHSA and whenever possible, control measures should be maintained until service users have been symptom free for 72 hours. Inclusion of a 'Quick reference guide'.

### What's new for Domiciliary Care staff:

- **ALSO AVAILABLE NOW:** The 'Preventing Infection Workbook 3rd Edition' has been produced to assist you in meeting the IPC training requirements for all Domiciliary Care staff. Further information can be found at [www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/preventing-infection-workbook-guidance-for-domiciliary-care-staff/](http://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/resources/preventing-infection-workbook-guidance-for-domiciliary-care-staff/)
- **IPC training event** for Care Homes and Domiciliary Care: 30th September, 2024. A booking form can be downloaded at <https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/>



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