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Infection Control Toolkit

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How to Use This Toolkit

The recommendations from the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) on infection prevention and control that appear on the main page of this toolkit are intended as a starting point for health centers, free clinics, and other outpatient settings that are developing, implementing, and maintaining infection control policies and programs. The recommendations cover considerations for administrative measures, staff education and training, monitoring and reporting healthcare-associated infections, and standard precautions, such as hand hygiene, use of PPE, injection safety, environmental cleaning, medical equipment cleaning and reprocessing, and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette. All these considerations are important for developing a complete and robust infection prevention and control program.

In addition to referring to the recommendations on the main page of the toolkit, health centers and free clinics can click the links in this toolkit for more information on some of the key areas of infection control: General Infection Control and Hand Hygiene, Infectious Disease Prevention: Selected Infections (i.e., bloodborne pathogens, seasonal flu, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), Clostridium difficile, tuberculosis, antibiotic use), Immunizations and Safe Injection Practices, Environmental Infection Control, and Personal Protective Equipment and Respiratory Hygiene. Each of these links includes additional guidelines, assessment tools, staff training tools, continuing education courses, posters, fact sheets, brochures, forms, videos, and other resources and tools specific to those key areas.

All of the resources in the Infection Control Toolkit are intended as samples that can be customized to the individual health center. When using any sample or template, it is important that health centers and free clinics adapt them to their individual needs and circumstances and take the steps to implement them as part of their overall processes and procedures.

For the complete library of sample policies and tools available on the Clinical Risk Management Program website, see Sample Policies and Tools.

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