

Infection Prevention Monthly – September 2026

Infection Prevention Liaison Team

Are you passionate about infection prevention and control?

We are launching a **Prosper Infection Prevention Liaison Team** and are seeking enthusiastic staff members to get involved.

Join us for an information session on **October 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rooms 1621/1622** to learn more about this exciting opportunity and how you can contribute. Treats will be provided!

Joint Commission Corner

Tie it Right

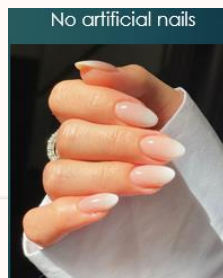
Isolation gowns should be secured at the neck and waist so the front and back are fully covered. Always don before entering an isolation room and remove before exiting to prevent the spread of pathogens to other staff and patients. [INP 16](#)

Don't Rush the Scrub

Do you use BD E-Z Scrub brushes in your area? Review the instructions for use (IFU) to ensure you are scrubbing in the manner and time recommended by the manufacturer. A clock or timer must be visible from every scrub sink.

Nails

Artificial nails and chipped nail polish harbor bacteria.



Bug of the Month

Arboviruses

Arboviruses are RNA viruses transmitted by biting arthropods, most commonly mosquitoes and ticks, which are most active during late spring through early fall.



Symptomatic arbovirus disease typically presents as acute febrile or neurologic illness (e.g. aseptic meningitis, encephalitis, or acute flaccid myelitis). The incubation period is typically days to weeks from arthropod bite to onset of symptoms and can be longer in persons who are immunocompromised.

Common arboviruses include, but are not limited to, Chikungunya, Dengue, West Nile Virus, and Zika. A health advisory was released by Tarrant County in August regarding the risk of severe arboviral neuroinvasive disease among patients who are receiving B cell-depleting or -modulating medications. Visit your local health department's website to see what is circulating in your area.

Our Recommendation

Follow standard precautions for patients with arboviral disease. Prevention of mosquito and tick bites is the best way to lower your risk of infection.

Local Trends

PCCMC % Positivity (9/20-9/26):

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	52.8%
Adenovirus	10.3%
SARS-CoV-2	4.1%
RSV	4.1%
Influenza A	2.8%

Source: [Microbiology Micro/Viro Report on CookNet](#)

There were no infection prevention and control policy revisions in September.

Coming Soon: October Policy Revisions

INP 19 Pharmacy Infection Control

INP 20 Echo Lab Infection Control

INP 25 Food and Nutrition Services Infection Control

INP 27 Manikin Maintenance Infection Prevention and Control

Questions? Call Infection Prevention and Control 945-204-2919 or 945-204-2916

[CCMCP-Prosper Infection Prevention and Control Site – Home](#)