

# Infection Prevention Monthly – October 2026

## \*NEW IPC Liaison Team\*

### Information Session- Come and Go

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Snacks and drinks!!**

Looking for individuals from all departments who are passionate about infection prevention and looking to get involved!



## Joint Commission Corner

### Germs Don't Get a Visitor Pass

Respiratory season is upon us! Help us spread the word – not germs – by encouraging visitors to stay home when sick, practice respiratory/cough etiquette, avoid common areas when their child is in isolation, and perform hand hygiene often. You can also share this flyer with families to support safe habits:

[Family Visitors Cold Flu](#)

### Protect our Tiniest Patients

To help protect our infant patients during periods of increased respiratory virus transmission, please do not bring them to the nurses' station for non-essential reasons. Provide comfort and routine care in their designated areas to minimize unnecessary exposure.

### A Friendly Reminder

If you complete hand hygiene audits for your area, please submit a minimum of 10 audits by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. This helps us track and report compliance in a timely manner. Thank you for helping us stay on track!



## Welcome to Your Infection Prevention Resource Hub

Explore our updated SharePoint for policies, flyers, newsletters, helpful links, and more. We're continually adding new tools and content, so check back often to discover what's new and stay connected with the latest resources. **Click [here](#) to check it out!**

## Bug of the Month

### A Case for Standard Precautions

If you work in healthcare, you've heard many times that you should follow "standard precautions" ...but what does that mean *exactly*? Standard precautions assume that blood, body fluids, secretions, non-intact skin, and mucous membranes could contain infectious organisms and should always be handled safely.



**To effectively prevent transmission of both known and unknown pathogens, apply these precautions with every patient, every time:**

- Perform hand hygiene.
- Use PPE according to anticipated exposure.
- Follow respiratory/cough etiquette principles.
- Properly handle, clean, and disinfect patient equipment and devices. Clean and disinfect the environment appropriately.
- Handle textiles and laundry carefully.
- Follow safe injection practices.

When indicated, transmission precautions may be required, but they do not replace standard precautions. Refer to [IC 500](#) and [INP 16](#) for details.

### Our Recommendation

Follow standard precautions for all patients, regardless of known and unknown conditions. Do not wait for a positive laboratory test to follow recommended transmission precautions when an infectious disease is suspected. Always wear PPE according to the anticipated level of exposure. And most importantly, remember the five moments of hand hygiene – gloves are not a substitute.

Source: [Standard Precautions for All Patient Care | CDC](#)

## Local Trends

### PCCMC Lab Weekly Virus % Positivity (10/4-10/11):

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Rhinovirus/Enterovirus | 42.19% |
| Adenovirus             | 9.38%  |
| Parainfluenza          | 8.59%  |
| RSV                    | 3.93%  |

[Prosper Laboratory Weekly Micro/ViroReport](#)

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