

Infection Prevention Monthly – August 2026

NEW Infection Prevention and Control SharePoint

Please visit the new Infection Prevention and Control SharePoint site ([CCMCP IPC SharePoint](#)) for important infection prevention and control resources including links to important policies, access to the hand hygiene audit tool, notifiable conditions, contact information for Collin and Denton County health departments, and more!

Are You Ready for Back-to-School?



You've got the school supplies, new shoes, and a fresh haircut...but are you up to date on immunizations? Check out the **Vaccine Information Hub** on CookNet for the latest vaccine schedule, family education resources, FAQs for clinicians, and more!3

Joint Commission Corner

A Sticky Situation

Patient tape is single-patient use only and should be discarded upon discharge. Store tape in an enclosed environment (i.e. clean drawer, original box, or Ziploc bag) to prevent contamination.

[INP 01](#)

Fresh, Clean, and Covered

Clean linens must be stored in a closed cabinet or covered cart with a solid bottom. Clean pillows should be stored with clean linens or placed in a clean bag until use. [INP 01](#)

From Pump to Patient Expressed breast milk (EBM) should be labeled with a pump date/time and stored in a designated refrigerator or freezer separate from patient food.

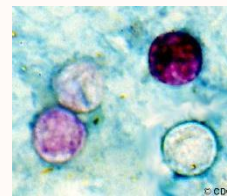
Please see [PSP 260 - Human Milk](#) for more information.



Bug of the Month

Cyclospora

Cyclospora cayetanensis is a protozoan parasite which can cause gastrointestinal illness in humans. Symptoms typically begin one week after exposure and include watery diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, weight loss, and bloating. Without treatment, symptoms can follow a remitting-relapsing course that can last several days to a month or longer. Although severe, symptoms are rarely life-threatening.



An outbreak of cyclosporiasis in the U.S. was first reported in May, reaching over 6,300 cases in 15 states as of August 5th. Officials have linked the outbreak to iceberg lettuce from Taylor Farms, but additional sources are still under investigation.

Our Recommendation:

Follow drainage/secretion precautions for diapered and incontinent patients until symptoms are resolved. Although person-to-person transmission is unlikely, the CDC recommends following standard precautions, good hand hygiene, safe food handling practices, and a two-step method for cleaning contaminated surfaces (detergent followed by disinfectant) to prevent transmission.

Source: [Redbook: 2024-2027 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Local Trends

CCMCP % Positivity (8/2 – 8/8):

Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	43.1%
SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)	18.8%
Adenovirus	9.8%
HMPV	5.9%

Source: [LaboratoryMicro/ViroReport](#)

Public Health Alerts

Ebola Update

As of August 5th, 4,053 cases of Ebola have been reported, most occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). People with recent DRC travel must remain outside the U.S. until 21 days after leaving, regardless of citizenship. If a monitored person becomes symptomatic and seeks care locally, Tarrant County will contact the IP team in advance to coordinate arrival. Visit the [CDC website](#) for details.

Salmonella Outbreak

Public health officials are investigating a multistate outbreak of *Salmonella enteritidis* linked to contaminated shell eggs. Brand names of eggs involved include Kroger, Simple Truth, Brookshire's, Cal-Maine, and Country Morning, distributed June 6th - July 3rd. Visit Redbook [here](#) for details.

