

Successful Strategies for Infection Prevention in Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes

Overview of Infection Prevention Toolkit

Introduction: This toolkit contains infection prevention presentations, resources, and tools that have been adapted for the assisted living facility (ALF) and nursing home (NH) setting whenever possible. The toolkit is directly available to ALFs, NHs, local health departments, and licensing agencies and components will be available on the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) website in the future.

These documents have been developed from published evidence-based research, standards of practice, or recommendations obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), licensing agencies, professional organizations, or other recognized sources.

How to Use: These documents are meant to supplement the *Successful Strategies for Infection Prevention in Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes* training and may be adapted for use in your facility. Resources are included on this DVD so that you may make copies, share materials with others, and customize tools as necessary. If a document is not editable but you wish to customize it, please contact the VDH HAI Program for help.

The toolkit is meant to introduce and summarize, and does not replace published standards and regulations. Refer to the toolkit component, "Infection Prevention Resources and Guidelines for Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes", to help access the actual documents and contact your local health department or the VDH HAI Program with questions.

We hope that this toolkit will be useful to you and would appreciate any feedback on the materials including which resources are most helpful and which have areas for improvement. Please check our website periodically for updates on toolkit materials.

Best wishes,

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