

Hand Hygiene Competency Validation/Audit Tool

Employee Name:	☐ Orientation
	□ Annual
Job Title:	□ Other

Hand Hygiene with Soap and Water	Type of Validation D=Demonstrate V=Verbalize	Meets Criteria (Y or N)	Comments/ Recommendations	Recommendations Implemented (Date & Initials)
Checks that sink areas are supplied with soap and paper towels	D			
2. Turns on faucet and regulates water temperature	D			
Wets hands and applies enough soap to cover all surfaces of hands	D			
4. Rubs hands palm to palm with hands flat	D			
Places one palm over the top of hand of the other with fingers interlaced. Rubs right over left, then left over right	D			
6. Rubs hands palm to palm with fingers interlaced	D			
7. Places back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked. Rubs rotationally.	D			
 Rotates each thumb in opposing clasped palm with a rotational rub. Left thumb in right palm, then right thumb in left palm 	D			
 Places clasped fingers in opposing palm with a rotational rub backwards and forwards. Right fingers in left palm, then left fingers in right palm. 	D			
10. Scrubbing motions take at least 15-20 seconds	D			



11. Rinses hands thoroughly, keeping fingertips pointed down	D		
Dries hands and wrists thoroughly using a single-use paper towel	D		
13. Uses paper towel to turn off faucet to prevent contaminating clean hands	D		
14. Discards paper towel in wastebasket	D		

Hand Hygiene with Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer (60-95% alcohol content)	Type of Validation D=Demonstrate V=Verbalize	Meets Criteria (Y or N)	Comments/ Recommendations	Recommendations Implemented (Date & Initials)
Applies enough product to adequately cover all surfaces of hands	D			
2. Rubs hands palm to palm with hands flat	D			
Places one palm over the top of hand of the other with fingers interlaced. Rubs right over left, then left over right	D			
4. Rubs hands palm to palm with fingers interlaced	D			
Places back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked. Rubs rotationally.	D			
6. Rotates each thumb in opposing clasped palm with a rotational rub. Left thumb in right palm, then right thumb in left palm	D			
7. Places clasped fingers in opposing palm with a rotational rub backwards and forwards. Right fingers in left palm, then left fingers in right palm.	D			
8. Lets hand sanitizer dry; does not wipe or use towel	D			



General Discussion	Type of Validation D=Demonstrate V=Verbalize	Meets Criteria (Y or N)	Comments/ Recommendations	Recommendations Implemented (Date & Initials)
1. Direct care providers – no artificial nails or fingernail extensions (e.g., acrylics, gels, wraps, tips, dip powder, stones/jewelry)	D			
2. Natural nails are clean, well groomed, and do not extend past the fingertip	D			
3. Skin is intact without open wounds or rashes	D			
4. Employee verbalizes how hand hygiene helps prevent healthcare-associated infections (e.g., stops germs from spreading from one person to another, stops germs from spreading from hands to environmental surfaces)	V			

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