



The following areas provide principles and practices of infection prevention and control that have been identified (by an IP) as the most relevant overall for the COVID-19 outbreak.

Chapter 1 Infection Prevention in Long-Term Care

- Infection control plan - IP rounding page 13
- Develop education plan, as required in the [CDC COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist](#) page 14

Chapter 3 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Reporting

- To assure compliance with infection control plan Including hand hygiene, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), perform process surveillance, etc. pages 30 –32

Chapter 5 Standard and Transmission Based Precautions

Note: Follow CDC Guidance for isolating residents with respiratory illness, or for proven or suspected COVID-19 cases.

- Assess your compliance with Standard Precautions and to use as a guide. Note especially:
 - a. Table 5.1 “Recommendations for the Application of Standard Precautions for the Care of Residents in All Healthcare Settings” page 57
 - b. Table 5.2 “Supplies for Transmission-Based Precautions” page 58
- Donning and doffing PPE pages 67–68
- Sample Audit Tool (to audit compliance with droplet or other transmission-based precautions) page 69
- Droplet Precautions sign (to print or as sample) page 73

Chapter 9 Environmental Services

- Recommended cleaning and storage guidance pages 131–152
- Environmental Services Checklist (check proper facility cleaning) page 141
- To further evaluate cleaning effectiveness, consider using a fluorescent marking system, or ATP detection system. Note especially:
 - a. Table 9.2 “Advantages and Disadvantages of Cleanliness Assessment Methodologies” page 142

Please note: Infection Prevention Guide to Long-Term Care, 2nd edition does not address COVID-19 specifically; it addresses more generally the basic principles of infection prevention and control in a long-term care setting. This includes some general guidance that addresses outbreak prevention and management. This content is not intended to supersede guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other official guidance on the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.