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Section 300.696 Infection Control EMERGENCY

a) Policies and procedures for investigating, controlling, and preventing and testing for infections in the facility shall be established and followed. The policies and procedures shall be consistent with and include the requirements of the Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690) and Control of Sexually Transmissible Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 693). Activities shall be monitored to ensure that these policies and procedures are followed. A copy of the facility’s infection control policies and procedures shall be provided to the resident and the resident’s family or representative. Infection control policies and procedures shall be maintained in the facility and made available upon request to the Department, the Department’s agent or the local health authority.

b) A group, i.e., an infection control committee, quality assurance committee, or other facility entity, shall periodically, but no less than annually, review the results of investigations and activities to control infections. Upon request, the
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facility shall provide the Department with the group’s recommendations to control infections within the facility.

c) Each facility shall adhere to the following guidelines of the Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services (see Section 300.340):

1) Guideline for Prevention of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
2) Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings
3) Guidelines for Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections
4) Guideline for Prevention of Surgical Site Infection
5) Guideline for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia
6) Guideline for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals
7) Guidelines for Infection Control in Health Care Personnel

d) Each facility shall comply with infection control recommendations provided by the Department or certified local health department, including, but not limited to, testing plans, infection control assessments, training or other measures designed to reduce infection rates and disease outbreaks.

e) Each facility shall conduct testing of residents and staff for the control or detection of communicable diseases when:

1) the facility is experiencing an outbreak; or
2) directed by the Department or the certified local health department where the chance of transmission is high, including, but not limited to, regional outbreaks, pandemics or epidemics.

f) Each facility shall make arrangements with a testing laboratory to process any specimens collected under subsection (e) and ensure that complete information is submitted with each specimen, including name, address, date of birth, sex, race and ethnicity.
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For testing done under subsection (e), each facility shall report to the Department or the certified local health department the number of residents and staff tested, and the number of positive, negative and indeterminate cases as directed by the Department or certified local health department.

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