



Regional Infection Prevention Support Team

Infection prevention saves lives

Robust infection prevention practices are the backbone for preventing the spread of disease. The Regional Infection Prevention Support (RIPS) Program strengthens infection prevention capacity through training, education, and consultation in long-term care settings. The RIPS Program uses evidence-based infection control practices consistent with applicable CDC and CMS guidance.

Established in August 2020, the RIPS Program provides on-site infection prevention support to all types of long-term care facilities, particularly skilled nursing facilities and adult care homes.

Our mission is to increase infection prevention knowledge to mitigate and prevent health threats like respiratory illnesses and all other infectious diseases in the long-term care setting.

The RIPS Program offers*:

- Infection prevention and control assistance that is supportive and consultative rather than regulatory
- Staff training/education around infection prevention measures using practical, hands-on techniques
- Site visits to assess facilities' infection control programs accompanied by written recommendations to improve policies and practices
- Assistance with outbreak management and response
- In-person infection prevention education

*All services by RIPS are provided at no cost.

Education Modules*:

- Chain of Infection
- Standard Precautions: Hand Hygiene
- Standard Precautions: PPE
- Transmission-based Precautions
- Standard Precautions: Environmental Cleaning
- Employee Health
- Storage of Supplies
- Wound Care

*Ask about our CEU options.



Infection Prevention Inbox:

To request a RIPS visit or to ask an infection prevention question, please email: infectionprevention@dhhs.nc.gov

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