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Chapter: 500 Health Services		
Subject: Infection Control Through Hand Sanitation		

POLICY

The Division of Adult Institutions shall recognize that hand washing, particularly before and after certain activities, is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others.

REFERENCES

National Commission of Correctional Health Care, Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2018, P-B-02 – Infection Prevention and Control Program

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Hand Hygiene in HealthCare Settings April 28th, 2023. <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/index.html>.

Boyce, JM, Pittet D., Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, HICPAC/SHEA/APIC/CSA Hand Hygiene Task Force. Guideline for hand hygiene in health-care settings.

Wis. Stat. s. 302.38 – Medical Care of Prisoners

Wis. Stat. s. 302.385 – Correctional Institution Health Care

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS

DAI – Division of Adult Institutions

DOC – Department of Corrections

Hand Sanitizer – A liquid or lotion containing 60% or more of alcohol used as a waterless/non-soap cleaner for hands.

Incident Report (WICS)

Infection Control – The prevention of transmission of communicable diseases through work practices, the use of PPE, vaccination, surveillance, epidemiology, engineering and the management of outbreaks.

Personal Container – A refillable container for liquid hand sanitizer.

PIOC – Persons in Our Care

POC-0040 – Infection Control – Hand Hygiene

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

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PROCEDURES

I. General Guidelines for Hand Hygiene

- A. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers (minimum 60% alcohol based) are the most effective products for reducing the number of germs on the hands. Antiseptic soaps and detergents are the next most effective and non-antimicrobial soaps are the least effective.
- B. When hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are the preferred method for cleaning your hands.
- C. Soap and water are recommended for cleaning visibly dirty hands.
- D. Utilize Directions in POC-0040.
- E. Hand-sanitizing stations shall be present in health care areas of the facility.

II. Health Care Worker Guidelines

- A. During routine patient care:

Soap and Water	Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer
When visibly dirty.	For everything else
After known or suspected exposure to <i>Clostridium difficile</i> if your facility is experiencing an outbreak or higher epidemic rates.	
After known or suspected exposure to patients with infectious diarrhea during <i>norovirus</i> outbreaks.	
If exposure to <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> is suspected or proven.	

- B. Hand hygiene shall be performed:
 1. Before eating.
 2. Before and after having direct contact with a patient's intact skin (taking a pulse or blood pressure, performing physical examinations, lifting the patient in bed).
 3. After contact with blood, body fluids or excretions, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or wound dressings.
 4. Before and after contact with inanimate objects (including medical equipment) in the immediate vicinity of the patient.
 5. If hands will be moving from a contaminated body site to a clean body site during patient care.
 6. After glove removal.
 7. After using a restroom.

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- C. Lotions utilized shall be compatible with the soap or hand sanitizer utilized.
- D. Personal hand lotions shall not be utilized by healthcare workers.

III. Issuing and Securing Hand Sanitizers by Staff

- A. All staff shall be allowed to use hand sanitizers issued by the facility within the facility.
- B. Staff shall keep personal containers on their person or in a designated locked area at all times.
- C. Loss of a personal container of hand sanitizer shall be reported to the Security Supervisor as soon as the loss is noted and a WICS incident report shall be completed.
- D. Facilities shall designate an area for storage of non-issued sanitizer and shall assure the secure storage of these inventories along with procedures for storage and distribution of hand sanitizer to staff.

IV. Staff Training by the Facility

- A. Staff shall participate in an initial training session regarding appropriate use of hand sanitizers by completing the DOC e-learning Infection Control module.
- B. Staff shall be directed in the distribution and securing of hand sanitizers by the facility.

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REFERENCES

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RESPONSIBILITY

I. Staff

II. PIOC

III. Other

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