

1 10A NCAC 13F .1801 is adopted with changes as published in 35:19 NCR 2133-2136 as follows:

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3 **SECTION .1800 - INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

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5 **10A NCAC 13F .1801 INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL ~~PROGRAM~~ POLICIES AND**  
6 **PROCEDURES**

7 (a) In accordance with Rule .1211(a)(4) of this Subchapter and G.S. 131D-4.4A(b)(1), the facility shall establish and  
8 implement ~~an~~ infection prevention and control ~~program (IPCP)~~ policies and procedures consistent with the federal  
9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published guidelines on infection prevention and control.

10 ~~(b) The Department shall approve a set of policies and procedures for infection prevention and control consistent with~~  
11 ~~the federal CDC published guidelines on infection prevention and control that shall be made available on the Division~~  
12 ~~of Health Service Regulation, Adult Care Licensure Section website at <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/acforms.html>~~  
13 ~~at no cost. The facility shall assure the following policies and procedures are established and implemented consistent~~  
14 ~~with the federal CDC published guidelines, which are hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent~~  
15 ~~amendments and editions, on infection control that are accessible at no charge online at~~  
16 ~~<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol>, and addresses either:~~

17 (1) utilize the set of policies and procedures for infection prevention and control approved by the  
18 Department;

19 (2) develop policies and procedures for infection prevention and control that are consistent with the set  
20 of Department approved policies and procedures; or

21 (3) develop policies and procedures for infection prevention and control that are based on nationally  
22 recognized standards in infection prevention and control that are consistent with the federal CDC  
23 published guidelines on infection prevention and control.

24 (b) The facility's infection and control policies and procedures shall be implemented by the facility and shall address  
25 the following:

26 (1) Standard and transmission-based ~~precautions, for which guidance can be found on the CDC website~~  
27 ~~at <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics>, precautions,~~ including:

28 (A) respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette;

29 (B) environmental cleaning and disinfection;

30 (C) reprocessing and disinfection of reusable resident medical equipment;

31 (D) hand hygiene;

32 (E) accessibility and proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE); and

33 (F) types of transmission-based precautions and when each type is indicated, including contact  
34 precautions, droplet precautions, and airborne ~~precautions:~~ precautions;

35 (2) When and how to report to the local health department when there is a suspected or confirmed  
36 reportable communicable disease case or condition, or communicable disease outbreak in  
37 accordance with Rule .1802 of this ~~Section:~~ Section;

1 (3) Measures ~~for~~ the facility ~~should~~ to consider taking in the event of a communicable disease outbreak  
 2 to prevent the spread of illness, such as isolating infected residents; limiting or stopping group  
 3 activities and communal dining; limiting or restricting outside visitation to the facility; screening  
 4 staff, ~~residents~~ residents, and visitors for signs of illness; and use of source control as tolerated by  
 5 the ~~residents~~. residents; and

6 (4) Strategies for addressing potential staffing issues and ensuring staffing to meet the needs of the  
 7 residents during a communicable disease ~~outbreak~~. outbreak.

8 (c) When a communicable disease outbreak has been identified at the facility or there is an emerging infectious disease  
 9 threat, the facility shall ensure implementation of the facility's ~~IPCP, related~~ infection prevention and control policies  
 10 and procedures, ~~and published guidance issued by the CDC; however, if~~ and when issued, guidance or directives  
 11 specific to the communicable disease outbreak or emerging infectious disease threat that have been issued in writing  
 12 by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services or local health ~~department, the specific guidance or~~  
 13 ~~directives shall be implemented by the facility.~~ department.

14 (d) In accordance with Rule .1211 of this Subchapter and G.S. 131D-4.4A(b)(4), the facility shall ensure all staff are  
 15 trained within 30 days of hire and annually on the policies and procedures listed in Subparagraphs (b)(1) through ~~(2)~~  
 16 (b)(2) of this Rule.

17 (e) The policies and procedures listed in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be maintained in the facility and accessible  
 18 to staff working at the facility.

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