

1 10A NCAC 13G .1701 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **SECTION .1700 - INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

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5 **10A NCAC 13G .1701 INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM**

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

9 (b) The facility shall assure the following policies and procedures are established and implemented consistent with  
10 the federal CDC published guidelines, which are hereby incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments  
11 and editions, on infection control that are accessible at no charge online at <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol>, and  
12 addresses the following:

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

15 (A) respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette;

16 (B) environmental cleaning and disinfection;

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

18 (D) hand hygiene;

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

20 (F) types of transmission-based precautions and when each type is indicated, including contact  
21 precautions, droplet precautions, and airborne precautions;

22 (2) When and how to report to the local health department when there is a suspected or confirmed  
23 reportable communicable disease case or condition, or communicable disease outbreak in  
24 accordance with Rule .1702 of this Section;

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

29 (4) Strategies for addressing potential staffing issues and ensuring staffing to meet the needs of the  
30 residents during a communicable disease outbreak;

31 (c) When a communicable disease outbreak has been identified at the facility or there is an emerging infectious disease  
32 threat, the facility shall ensure implementation of the facility's IPCP, related policies and procedures, and published  
33 guidance issued by the CDC; however, if guidance or directives specific to the communicable disease outbreak or  
34 emerging infectious disease threat have been issued in writing by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human  
35 Services or local health department, the specific guidance or directives shall be implemented by the facility.

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

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

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