

Assisted Living Infection Prevention and Control Resources

There are many resources and toolkits available for the prevention and control of infectious disease in assisted living facilities, several of which can be found on the Virginia Department of Health's long-term care website (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/longterm.htm>) and the safe injection practices and bloodborne pathogen prevention website (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/SafeInjection.htm>). A few of these resources are listed below:

Successful Strategies for Infection Prevention and Control in Assisted Living Facilities and Nursing Homes Toolkit:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/longterm.htm#Assisted>

This toolkit contains infection prevention presentations, resources, and tools that have been adapted for the assisted living facility (ALF) and nursing home (NH) setting whenever possible. The toolkit has been made available to ALFs, NHs, local health departments, and licensing agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard for Assisted Living Facilities Powerpoint:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/Surveillance/HAI/documents/powerpoint/BloodbornePathogens%20and%20OSHA%20in%20ALFs.pptx>

This powerpoint addresses how to protect staff members in assisted living facilities from getting bloodborne pathogens through adherence to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.

Safe Injection Practices and Safe Blood Glucose Monitoring Practices Powerpoint:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/Epidemiology/Surveillance/HAI/documents/powerpoint/SafeInjectionPractices.pptx>

This powerpoint defines safe injection practices, discusses proper uses of single-dose and multi-dose vials, and highlights best practices for performing blood glucose monitoring to reduce the risk of transmitting bloodborne pathogens.

Administrator's Checklist for Safe Injection Practices and Blood Glucose Monitoring:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/surveillance/hai/documents/word/AdministratorsChecklistForSafeBGMandInjectionPractices.doc>

The checklist was developed to assist Administrators in ensuring their facility has appropriate policies in place for safe injection practices and blood glucose monitoring.

For more information, contact your local health department (see www.vdh.virginia.gov/lhd for contact information) or HAI Program staff at the state health department (804-864-8141).