Infection Prevention & Control Site Self-Assessment For Providers Licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) – Template

Intended Use

This site self-assessment tool was developed by the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Division of Licensing Programs (DOLP) through funding received from the Virginia Long-Term Care Infrastructure Pilot Programs (VLIPP) grant received from Virginia Department of Health. This tool serves as a *template* for providers who wish to use it as a part of their auditing and monitoring programs to determine if implemented infection prevention and control practices are consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and individual facility policies and procedures.

Before Using

Before initial use, this document should be reviewed carefully and modified where needed to account for the specifics of the physical plant and facility/center operations. Providers are responsible for ensuring that modifications are consistent with CDC guidelines and VDSS Regulations, and any applicable local, state, or federal code.

This document is roughly organized by space types or areas within the physical plant and is designed to be printed and quick/easy to fill out while walking through your building. Each of the included self-assessments should be reviewed to determine whether observation items are appropriate for your setting. Providers are encouraged to made additions, deletions, or other changes as necessary to each area of the tool so that it will be the most helpful to their specific needs and goals.

Instructions for Use

In general, you will be observing each area of your facility/center to determine if there are areas where cross-contamination could occur. There should be distinct areas for clean and soiled work, and these areas should be separated.

Depending on your setting or situation, it may make sense to use all the checklists to do a complete facility-wide assessment, or it may be more useful to break up the checklists and perform observations in particular areas only. You are encouraged to use these checklists in the way that will be most beneficial to you.

In each space, make observations from ceiling to floor and check the items on the list. For any "no" response, make a note of the exact location and observation, as well as any action items or plans for correcting improvement.

Ensure that feedback is given to staff about your observations.

In addition to observing the physical conditions of your spaces as outlined in these checklists, you may wish to additionally perform auditing and monitoring of staff behaviors (such as hand hygiene, use of PPE, cleaning and disinfection procedures, etc.)

Maintain records of your observations and feedback and other interventions provided so that you can evaluate the effectiveness of your actions.

Repeat observations at regular intervals, for example weekly or monthly. Decrease the amount of time between observations if the number of "no" responses is significant or increasing.

You may also find benefit in making observations during different shifts if the conditions of your spaces tend to vary by time of day or night.

General Facility Observations

These observations are to be made throughout the facility, including all common spaces, corridors, resident rooms, and specialty spaces.

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
Ceiling tiles are in place, intact (no holes or cracks), and free of stains or water damage	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Walls are clean and intact (have no holes or other damage, including water damage)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Common spaces are neat/tidy and free of clutter	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Corridors/hallways are clear (no clutter or equipment)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
All hand sanitizer dispensers are functional and not empty	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
High-touch surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, elevator buttons, light switches, tabletops) are clean	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Furniture is clean and in good condition (no rips, holes, or stains)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Baseboards are clean	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Floors are clean, free of debris, and free of sticky residue	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
There is no evidence of pest activity (including sightings of dead or live pests, droppings, or other damage)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No

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Comments/Areas for Improvement:			
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:			
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Clean Storage Areas

Clean storage areas should be dedicated spaces whenever possible. When clean storage and soiled areas must share space, these spaces should be separated by at least three (3) feet

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
Clean storage areas are separated from soiled areas (at least 3 feet)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Hand hygiene is available before accessing clean areas	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
No supplies are stored within 18 inches of ceilings (5 inches if no sprinklers)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Storage units (cabinets, shelves, drawers) are clean	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Supplies are not expired	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Supplies have been removed from corrugated cardboard or external shipping boxes	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Supplies are not stored on the floor	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Floors under shelving units are clean	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Clean Linen Storage

Clean linens should be stored in a dedicated closet with a door that remains closed OR have a dust cover when they are in mixed clean storage with other clean supplies

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
Linens are stored in an appropriate clean linen storage area (see above)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Linen carts/shelves have a solid bottom	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Linen transport carts have a solid bottom and cover OR linens are transported bagged	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Soiled Storage & Utility Areas

Soiled areas include biohazard/medical waste collection areas, trash rooms/areas, any areas dedicated to cleaning and disinfection of resident care equipment, mop sinks, parking for cleaning equipment that has not been fully cleaned and disinfected and soiled linen collection & processing areas

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
No clean supplies or linens are stored in soiled areas	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
All waste is bagged appropriately	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
All soiled linens are bagged appropriately	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Waste containers are clean, operational and in good condition	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Waste container lids are in place	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Biohazardous waste collection areas have an appropriate label	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Regulated medical waste containers are labeled and have a red bag liner	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Items in regulated medical waste containers are appropriate	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Waste receptacle available for discarding disposable gloves and other PPE	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
There is access to hand hygiene after removing PPE	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Laundry Rooms/Areas

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
There is separation between clean and soiled laundry areas	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
PPE (gloves & gowns) is available for soiled linen/laundry handling	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
PPE is not worn into clean linen spaces or when handling clean linen/laundry	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Receptacle available for discarding used PPE	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Hand hygiene is available & accessible	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Folding/sorting surfaces are clean and free of personal belongings, drinks & food	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
There are dedicated separate transport containers for clean and soiled linen/laundry OR if residential-type laundry baskets are used they are cleaned/disinfected between transport of soiled and clean laundry	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Shower Room(s)/Bathrooms

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
No clutter or other obstructions	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Surfaces are clean and dry (are not left wet or dirty)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Shower curtain(s) are clean with no evidence of mold or mildew	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Hand hygiene supplies are stocked	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Medication Preparation and Storage Areas

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
No clutter or other obstructions	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Medication preparation surfaces are clean and free of clutter and personal items, including food and drink	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Medication carts have adequate separation of clean and soiled areas (Ideally waste receptacles and sharps containers are on one side and clean supplies on the other)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Clean supplies are not overstocked	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Water cups, medication cups and spoons are stored in a way that prevents contamination (i.e., are not stored in the same bin with office supplies, spoons are stored handle up)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Clean supply caddies/bins are clean and free of dust or other debris	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Pill crushers and other items stored on medication carts are clean and in good condition	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Water pitchers and open containers are dated and timed	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
No expired medications	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Open multidose vials are dated and timed	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Glucometers are labeled appropriately	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Glucometers are cleaned and disinfected before being placed in storage area	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Hand hygiene sinks have at least three (3) feet of clearance (counters are clear)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No

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Safety Observations

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
Eyewash stations have been checked, caps are in place, are not expired, are accessible.	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Safety Data Sheets (SDS) binder is up-to- date and accessible to all staff	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Blood/body fluid spill kit(s) available	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
No staff food or drinks in linen or supply storage areas or resident care areas	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
No food or drinks in laboratory specimen or medication refrigerators	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Sharps containers are properly secured and are not overfilled.	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Comments/Areas for Improvement:				
Action Items/Plans for Improvement:				

Housekeeping/Environmental Services Supply Areas

Date of Observation				
Evaluator Name				
Desired Observation	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N	Present Y/N
Cleaning and disinfection solutions are prepared properly (either measured and prepared manually according to manufacturer's instructions or via automatic dilution machine that is properly calibrated)	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Personal protective equipment (PPE) is available for agent preparation and use	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Cleaning cloths are not double dipped into solutions	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Mop system is set up properly and water and solutions are changed out appropriately	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No	□Yes □No
Cleaning and disinfection solution bottles/containers are: -Clean -Labeled w/Contents & Expiration Date -Not Topped Up/Topped Off	□Yes □No □Yes □No □Yes □No			
Cleaning Carts: -Are well-stocked with sufficient supplies -Are organized with clear separation of clean and soiled areas and items -Do not have any personal items, food, or drinks -Are secured when left unattended (cleaning and disinfecting agents are not	□Yes □No □Yes □No □Yes □No □Yes □No			
(cleaning and disinfecting agents are not accessible) -Are not left unattended -Are thoroughly cleaned before parking in designated storage area	□Yes □No □Yes □No	□Yes □No □Yes □No	□Yes □No □Yes □No	□Yes □No □Yes □No

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