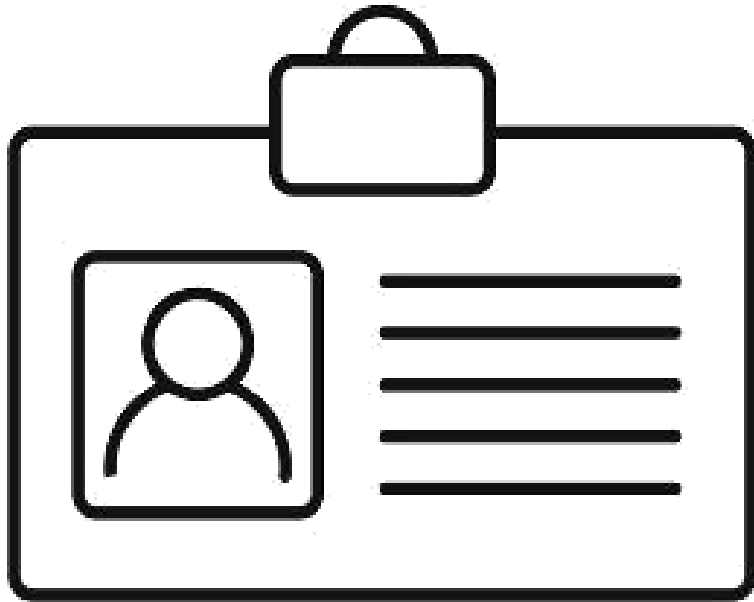




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# Meet the Team



## Presenter:

**Shirley Rodrigues, Program Director**

Personal Care Home Program

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# Objectives

- Provide information on assisted living facility and personal care home infection control regulations
- Share resources and information to support COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC) activities
- Address any facility-specific IPC questions or concerns

# Personal Care Home Program



## INFECTION CONTROL REGULATIONS

**SHIRLEY RODRIGUES, PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

# DCH Mission

## ACCESS



Access  
to affordable,  
quality health  
care in our  
communities

## RESPONSIBLE



Responsible  
health planning  
and use of  
health care  
resources

## HEALTHY



Healthy  
behaviors and  
improved health  
outcomes



# ALC and PCH INFECTION CONTROL REGULATIONS

# INITIAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS





# 111-8-63-.09 Workforce Qualifications, Training and Staffing (Tag 0902)

2) **Initial Training for All Staff.** The administrator or on-site manager must ensure that any person working in the assisted living community as staff receives training within the first 60 days of employment on the following:

(b) General infection control principles, including the importance of hand hygiene in all settings and attendance policies when ill;

## 111-8-62-.09 Workforce Qualifications and Training TAG # 0909

### **111-8-62-.09 Workforce Qualifications and Training**

(2) The administrator or on-site manager must be responsible for ensuring that any person working in the home as an employee, under contract or otherwise, receives work-related training within the first sixty days of employment. Such training must include at a minimum, the following:

(g) General infection control principles, including the importance of hand hygiene in all settings and attendance policies when ill.

# 111-8-62-.19 Additional Requirements for Certified Memory Care Centers Tag 1940

## 111-8-62-.19 Additional Requirements for Certified Memory Care Centers

6) **Staff Training Requirements.** The home shall ensure that all staff is properly trained initially and on an annual basis to provide safe, quality care to residents in the memory care center. Effective July 1, 2021, the memory care center shall meet the following training requirements:

(D) General infection control principles

# INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM



# Rule 111-8-63-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies

## TAG # 2302

(1) The assisted living community must have an effective infection control program, which includes, at a minimum, the following:

(a) training provided to staff on effective measures for minimizing the spread of infections and food-borne illnesses;

(b) responding to disease outbreaks appropriately and participating in infection control investigations;

## Rule 111-8-63-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies

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### **Rule 111-8-63-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies**

(c) staff demonstrating their understanding and use of proper infection control practices in their delivery of care to the residents;

(d) enforcing work and return to work policies to minimize the spread of infection and illnesses; and

(e) implementing the additional infection control requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 111-8-16, regarding pandemic plans, supplies and policies and procedures.

# 111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies

## TAG # 1940

### **111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies**

(4) The home must have an effective infection control program which includes at least the following:

- (a) Training provided to staff on effective measures for minimizing the spread of infections and food-borne illnesses.
- (b) Responding to disease outbreaks appropriately and participating in infection control investigations.
- (c) Staff demonstrating their understanding and use of proper infection control practices in their delivery of care to the residents.

## 111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies TAG # 1940

### **111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies**

(4) The home must have an effective infection control program which includes at least the following:

(d) Enforcing work and return to work policies to minimize the spread of infection and illnesses.

(f) Providing notices as recommended by public health regarding outbreaks and infestation issues to residents, staff and any visitors. Homes licensed for twenty-five (25) or more beds must meet the notification requirements of the Rules and Regulations for Disaster Preparedness Plans, Chapter 111-8-16.



## 111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies TAG # 1940

### **111-8-62-.23 Infection Control, Sanitation and Supplies**

(5) The home must have an adequate supply of sanitizing and cleaning agents, e.g., effective hand hygiene products, hand soap, laundry soap, household disinfectants and other cleaning materials, properly stored to prevent accidental ingestion but available for and properly used in the home to minimize the spread of infections.

## CHAPTER 111-8-16 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS

### **111-8-16-.05 Special Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities**

Maintain a minimum of a seven-day supply of protective masks, surgical gowns, eye protection and gloves sufficient to protect all residents and staff based on CDC guidance and with consideration given to any widespread supply shortages documented by the facility or known to the department.

## CHAPTER 111-8-16 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS

### **111-8-16-.05 Special Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities**

Maintain and publish for its residents and their representatives or legal surrogates' policies and procedures pertaining to infection control and mitigation within their facilities and update such policies and procedures annually

# CONCLUSION



Questions?



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# Save the Date

## SNF and Medical Directors Office Hours:

- Friday, February 17 at 11 a.m.

## ALF and PCH

- Friday, February 24 at 11 a.m.



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