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Oregon Health Authority's Healthcare-Associated Infections Program is here to help healthcare facilities!

Who we are:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Regional Infection Preventionists are available throughout the state of Oregon to help all types of healthcare facilities strengthen their infection prevention and control programs. Provided through the OHA Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program, our team provides support, technical assistance, and content expertise directly to facilities and in partnership with local public health agencies.

How we can help:

- On-site or virtual infection control consultation, either proactively or in response to an infectious disease
 outbreak or single case of targeted infections. Proactive consults can be particularly effective as they
 may prevent outbreaks from occurring. Consults are available either virtually (through internet-based
 connection) or in person at the facility. Consults assess key elements of the facility's infection control
 program, identifying gaps and opportunities, and offer targeted recommendations to improve infection
 control practices.
- On-site or virtual education training, in-services, or webinars to assist with and promote education of healthcare personnel on infection prevention topics such as isolation practices, personal protective equipment use, environmental cleaning and disinfection, and more.
- Provide consultation to facility administration in support of:
 - Infection control program structure and development
 - Infection control annual risk assessment, infection surveillance program, and reporting
 - o Training of designated infection control specialists
 - Development and implementation auditing processes for personal protective equipment, hand hygiene, and environment of care
 - o Guidance for evaluating products, devices, or equipment to support infection prevention program
- Guidance related to prevention of device-associated infections and spread of other germs that can spread readily in healthcare settings, including but not limited to COVID-19, norovirus, influenza, and multidrug-resistant organisms.

How to contact us:

A electronic request for an infection control consult can be submitted through the OHA website at or scan the QR code:

https://epiweb.oha.state.or.us/fmi/webd/ICRequest?homeurl=https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES CONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/COVID-19.aspx

A member of our team will reach out to you as soon as possible. Requests may be prioritized based on urgency.



Get to know our team: HAI Infection Prevention & Control





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