



# BE IPC SMART

## IN THE COMMUNITY

*Thank-you* 😊

### Hand Hygiene and Personal Protective Equipment

- Undertake hand hygiene in accordance with the 'five moments' and ensure you are 'Bare Below the Elbows'.
- Carry personal issue alcohol hand gel.
- Ensure PDI hand/face wipes are available/carried to aid hand hygiene in a patient's home.
- Always remember to cleanse hands following removal of any PPE.
- Ensure aprons, gloves and eye protection are all available /carried and worn when indicated.
- Challenge your colleagues to undertake hand hygiene and promote hand hygiene to patients.

### Clinical Equipment

- Items labelled as single use must be used as such.
- Ensure PDI multi-surface detergent wipes are available for cleaning equipment.
- Ensure PDI Sanicloth 70% alcohol hard surface wipes are available for additional disinfection of equipment where required.
- All staff must be aware of cleaning schedules for clinical equipment.
- Store items in a clean state.
- Manage invasive devices appropriately.
- Ensure minimum, maximum and actual vaccine fridge temperatures are taken and documented, also document actions if temperature is out of range.

### Review Storage

- Check cupboards, ensure stock is tidy, stored off the floor, rotated and any broken/out of date items/equipment are removed.
- All floors and shelving in cupboards/store rooms must be clean.

### IT Equipment

- Only use laptops/PC keyboards/tablets/smart phones with clean hands.
- Ensure laptops/PC keyboards/tablets are free from dust and included in daily cleaning schedule, use PDI multi-surface detergent wipes.
- Ensure mobile tablets are intact and wipe clean.

### Access Infection Prevention and Control Advice

- Know how to obtain guidance ☎ 01386 502552 (32552) or visit [www.worcestershirehealth.nhs.uk](http://www.worcestershirehealth.nhs.uk).

### Cleanliness of the Environment

- If working in a healthcare setting, report any concerns about cleanliness of the environment or limescale build-up on taps to housekeeping teams.

### Transportation of Items in your Car

- Ensure a lidded, wipeable, drop tested box is available for transportation of specimens.
- Decontaminate equipment prior to being transported in the car (if transportation is necessary).
- Storage of equipment during transportation must be in line with manufacturer's instructions (check if sensitive to varying temperatures).
- When transporting a sharps bin in cars, ensure the temporary closure is in place and the sharps bin is stored safely within the boot.

### Sharps/Waste

- Know the steps to take if an inoculation injury/splash to eyes/mouth occurs.
- Ensure sharps bins are assembled correctly, stored appropriately, labelled, not overfull and closure aperture in use.
- With the exception of a sharps bin, healthcare waste must not be carried in staff cars.
- Know the safety sharps for use in your area (safety cannula, BD Autosheild for insulin pen etc).
- Have an awareness of the criteria/procedure for a clinical waste collection from a patient's home.
- If working in a healthcare setting, ensure waste bins are lidded, foot operated, solid walled and labelled to indicate correct segregation of waste (unless in an office area).

### IPC Practices and Knowledge

- Promote antimicrobial stewardship in your area.
- Send specimens only when clinically indicated.
- Be alert for signs of SEPSIS.
- Ensure catheterised patients hold a catheter passport.
- Know how to deal with a spillage of blood/body fluids.
- Include IPC as a topic in team meetings.
- Staff to be 48 hours symptom free prior to return to work if presenting with diarrhoea and/or vomiting which may be infectious.