



Petersburg Medical Center

Infection Control and Prevention Report August 2023

Workforce Wellness

There have been no changes in staffing, and I continue to fulfill the Infection Prevention and Employee Health duties with help from my co-workers. Erik Hulebak is the provider champion for Antibiotic Stewardship.

Community Engagement

The Environmental Services (EVS) Lead is providing education from the Health Care Environmental Services Certification (CHEST) class to the EVS staff on a regular basis.

The Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee have identified two Antibiotic Stewardship metrics for inpatient and outpatient to trend and track as we work to improve our Antibiotic Stewardship program.

Influenza season is approaching. The State of Alaska is once again providing PMC influenza vaccines for community use and we are beginning to plan staff and community influenza vaccine clinics.

Patient Centered Care

The federal CMS Covid-19 vaccine mandate ended on August 5, 2023. The PMC policy has been updated to incorporate these changes. 96% of PMC staff received the initial series of Covid vaccine. 38% are considered “up to date,” which is defined as having at least one bivalent dose.

I attended the LTC Resident Council Meeting to inform residents about the changes in the Covid-19 vaccine policy, the updated covid vaccine recommendations and offered an additional bivalent booster to those who qualified.

2023 Hand Hygiene Compliance: (rate determined by secret direct observation during the WHO’s Five Moments of Hand Hygiene)

LTC: 76%

Acute Care: 81%

Five Moments of Hand Hygiene:

- Before touching a patient/resident
- Before clean/aseptic procedures
- After a procedure or body fluid exposure
- After touching a patient/resident
- After touching patient/resident surroundings

LTC July 2023 Metrics:

Urinary Tract Infections (UTI): 0

Catheter associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI): 0

Clostridium Difficile infections: 0

Covid-19 infections: 0

Facility

The LTC Solarium is no longer in use due to infection control concerns with the building. We will be evaluating the room and determining the next steps required to make it safe and usable for our residents and staff.



Financial Wellness

No changes have occurred in this area.

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