



Petersburg Medical Center

Infection Prevention and Control Report December 2023

Workforce Wellness

There have been no changes in staffing.

Community Engagement

We restarted separate Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) meetings (had been imbedded in the quality meetings) this month to allow more time to address the many topics that IPC is responsible for. Meetings will be at least quarterly and will be reported to the LTC and CAH quality meetings.

I attended the Alaska Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Midnight Sun Chapter two-day workshop. The first day was The Training Infection Prevention through Simulation (TIPS) pilot course by the University of Washington that focused on an experiential learning approach for training adults about IPC. The second day focused on survey readiness, a tabletop exercise responding to a new multi-drug resistant organism (MDRO), and ended with an IPC escape room from Project Firstline. I learned a lot and also had good opportunity to network with other Infection Preventionists around the state. I plan on utilizing some of the tools from the workshop to help train PMC staff.

We have seen our first cases of Influenza Type A this week (11/18). Currently 67% of PMC staff was up to date with their influenza vaccine. Our goal is 95%.

Patient Centered Care

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

LTC: 68%

Acute Care: 76%

LTC October 2023 Metrics:

Urinary Tract Infections (UTI): 0

Catheter associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI): 1

Clostridium Difficile infections: 0

Covid-19 infections: 0

LTC Resident Flu Shots: All residents offered vaccines, 80% up to date.

LTC Covid Vaccine 2023-2024 booster: All residents offered vaccines, 73% up to date.

LTC Pneumococcal Vaccine: All residents offered vaccines, 80% are up to date.

Facility

Solarium is back in use and is better than ever. It is now well insulated, which keeps the heat much better than before and makes it a comfortable room for residents. We are adjusting the concentration of the Eco-lab cleaning products to ensure effectiveness and decrease the scents that bother some staff when the products are used in a small space. The Representative from Eco-lab will be here 11/22 to make the adjustments. Eco-lab has other products to try if this intervention does not solve the problem.

Financial Wellness

No changes have occurred in this area.

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