



Petersburg Medical Center

Infection Prevention and Control Report August 2024

Workforce Wellness

I am excited to share that we are hiring a highly qualified and experienced Infection Prevention and Control nurse in a consultant role beginning this fall. Our goal is that she will utilize the gap analysis of the ICAR (see below) and her own survey of our facility to identify the areas that need to be enhanced while developing our program to where we would like it to be. Ideally, she will be able to mentor a staff member who will take responsibility for the maintenance of the Infection Control position. I hope that after the initial assignment we will be able to maintain our relationship as needed and to guide us through the planning, construction and finishing of our new buildings.

Community Engagement

We have an Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) scheduled on August 29-30. An Infection Preventionist who works with Mountain Pacific, our Quality Improvement Organization (QSO) will be on site to review our processes and procedures, observe staff in their work, and provide feedback and an analysis of our Infection Prevention Program. Our last (and only) ICAR was done remotely during the covid pandemic.

Patient Centered Care

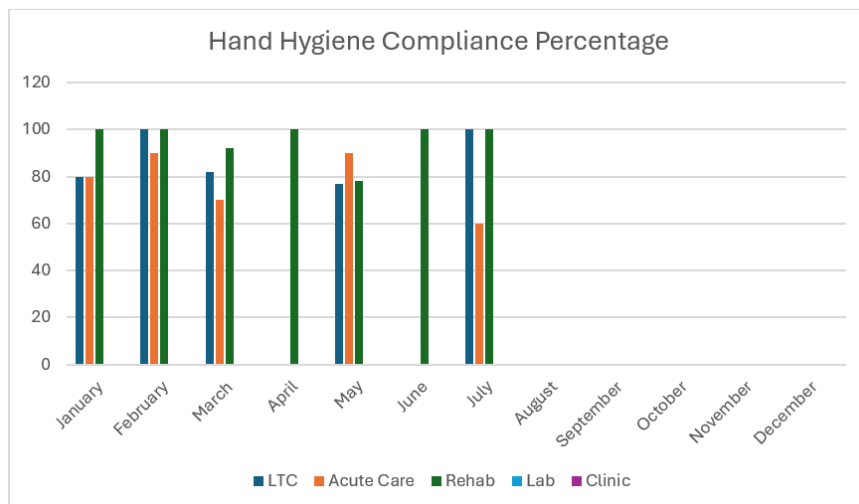
Alaska, and Petersburg, has seen a recent surge in Covid infections over the past month. All eligible LTC residents were offered the second 2023-2024 covid vaccine and those who consented received the vaccine. A new vaccine is expected this fall, and all residents will be offered education and the opportunity to receive it.

Covid, influenza, and RSV vaccination and infection reporting will begin this fall.

Flu immunization for residents and staff will begin as soon as the vaccine arrives, likely in September.

The Sepsis Recognition and Response Process Improvement Project Team had its kick-off meeting and will continue to meet to update our sepsis procedures, ensure we are in compliance for the upcoming national reporting, and provide feedback for staff after chart abstraction begins. Metric reporting will be required for 2025.

2024 Hand Hygiene Compliance



LTC 2024 Infection Prevention Metrics:

Urinary Tract Infections (UTI): 1

Catheter associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI): 1

Clostridium Difficile infections: 0

Covid-19 infections: 0

Influenza infections: 0

Facility

Nothing new to report.

Financial Wellness

No changes have occurred in this area

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