Identify, Isolate, Inform

This domain performs a comprehensive assessment of your facility's ability to promptly identify, isolate, and communicate suspected or confirmed infectious disease cases as it currently functions.

Leadership Support

1 - Hospital leadership supports a culture to promote the implementation of Identify, Isolate, and Inform.
- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

2 - Hospital leadership financially supports the implementation of Identify, Isolate, and Inform protocols?
- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
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- ☐ Strongly Disagree

Organizational Structure

3 - Is the IPC program involved in the development of protocols for High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID) management at the facility?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

4 - Does the facility have a pre-identified isolation care space(s) that can be dedicated to care for patients suspected or confirmed to have HCID?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

5a - Does the facility have a dedicated special pathogen response team?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

5b - Who is on that special pathogen response team?
- ☐ Nurse
- ☐ Infection Prevention and Control
- ☐ Advanced Practice Providers
- ☐ Physicians
- ☐ Laboratory Personnel
- ☐ Respiratory Therapy

☐ Patient Care Technicians
☐ Environmental Services
☐ Facilities
☐ Security
☐ Emergency Management Personnel
☐ Diagnostic imaging personnel
☐ None
☐ Other

6 - Patients requiring transmission-based precautions are identified and managed in a manner consistent with hospital policy to reduce the spread of disease.
☐ Strongly Agree
☐ Agree
☐ Disagree
☐ Strongly Disagree

7 - Does the facility have a system to identify potentially infectious persons upon entry into the facility? (e.g., standard questionnaires, EMR, etc.)
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

8a - Does the facility provide supplies (e.g., PPE) to ensure isolation precautions and source control can be maintained?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

8b - How does the facility assess appropriate PPE par levels or stock to have on hand?
☐ Utilizes Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH) tool
☐ Utilizes state-based requirements
☐ Utilizes standard par levels
☐ Unsure
☐ None
☐ Other

9 - Which areas have at least one single occupancy room available that can be used to rapidly isolate persons who have a positive symptom and/or travel screen for a HCID?
☐ Emergency Departments
☐ Outpatient Clinics
☐ Inpatient Units (Direct Admit)
☐ Specialty Clinics
☐ Access/ Admission Desks
☐ None
☐ Other

10 - If a patient screens positive for a potential HCID, which staffing plan elements are included to support Identify, Isolate, and Inform activities? (Select all that apply.)
☐ Designation of staff responsible for patient isolation

☐ Identification of personnel responsible for obtaining PPE
☐ Identification of trained personnel available to provide care
☐ Process for notifying Infection Prevention
☐ Process for notifying facility leadership
☐ Process for notifying public health authorities
☐ Laboratory staffing and specimen handling procedures
☐ Environmental Services support
☐ Security support
☐ Patient transport staffing procedures
☐ Staffing contingency plans for prolonged care
☐ Employee notification process
☐ None
☐ Other (please specify)

11a - Does the facility have a process to stay updated on emerging infectious threats (e.g., National Health Alerts, local health department notifications, NETEC updates)?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

11b - From which sources does the facility get their information?
☐ National Health Alerts
☐ Local Health Department Notifications
☐ NETEC Updates
☐ BeaconBio
☐ EHR Travel Screening
☐ Other

12 - What resources does your facility utilize to develop policies and procedures to respond to high-consequence infectious diseases, special pathogen outbreaks, and pandemics?
☐ NETEC
☐ NIOSH
☐ CDC
☐ OSHA
☐ APIC
☐ WHO
☐ SHEA
☐ Other:
☐ None of the above

Policy & Procedure

13a - Does the facility have policies and standard operating procedures that address Identify, Isolate, and Inform?
☐ Identify
☐ Isolate
☐ Inform
☐ None

13b - Policies and SOPs for "Identify" address:
- ☐ Identification of all points of entry where patients may enter the facility
- ☐ Identification of areas for symptom and travel signage
- ☐ Screening protocols for signs and symptoms of transmissible disease
- ☐ Screening protocol includes epidemiological risks such as travel history, known exposures, and occupational hazards.
- ☐ Response actions when screening for symptoms and epidemiological risk are positive (e.g., source control and rapid isolation)
- ☐ Protocols for visitors with positive symptomology
- ☐ Staff training requirements
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ None of the above

13c - Policies and SOPs for "Isolate" address:
- ☐ Location of isolation rooms
- ☐ Facility requirements of isolation rooms for the facility (e.g., air-handling, monitoring requirements, spatial considerations)
- ☐ Room Readiness requirements
- ☐ Implementation of Standard Precautions
- ☐ Implementation of Transmission-based Precautions
- ☐ PPE ensembles based on pathogen-specific risks
- ☐ PPE donning procedures
- ☐ PPE doffing procedures
- ☐ PPE storage and inventory management
- ☐ PPE availability (e.g., backup supply, PAPRs, etc.)
- ☐ Staffing model to respond/support patient care with HCID positive screenings
- ☐ Zoning procedures to establish cold and hot zones
- ☐ Workflow for patient care (including path of travel for HCW and patients/ visitors, entry/ exit)
- ☐ Methods of communication from care team in isolation (limiting face to face interaction)
- ☐ Waste Management
- ☐ Employee health tracking
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ None of the above

13d - Policies and SOPs for "Inform" address:
- ☐ Internal communication algorithms (e.g., notification to Infection Control, Infectious Disease, Lab etc.)
- ☐ External communication algorithms (EMS, public health, regional treatment center, regional public health lab)
- ☐ Protocol for activating Emergency Management procedures
- ☐ Protocols to facilitate communication with patients and their families.
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ None of the above

15 - Does the facility have protocol(s) to address:
- ☐ Special populations (e.g., children, pregnant)
- ☐ Multiple people (e.g., families) appearing with a similar presentation
- ☐ Visitors with signs/ symptoms of illness
- ☐ Suspect cases that present critically ill

☐ Other:
☐ None of the above

Education & Training

16a - Does your facility provide training and education for Identify, Isolate, and Inform procedures and implementation?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

16b - Who receives this training?
☐ Access staff
☐ Clinical healthcare workers
☐ Staff working in frontline-facing positions (e.g., ED staff, clinic staff, urgent care, EMS, etc.)
☐ Hospital/ departmental leadership
☐ None – Negative
☐ Other:

16c - What frequency is the Identify, Isolate, and Inform training provided?
☐ Upon hire
☐ Annually
☐ When new protocols are introduced
☐ Just in Time Training
☐ Targeted performance improvement
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17 - Are frontline staff trained to recognize signs and symptoms of transmissible disease?
☐ Yes
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18 - Personnel providing care to patients suspected or confirmed to be infected with a special pathogen are limited to those who have received appropriate training.
☐ Yes – Preferred
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19 - Do high-risk departments (e.g., the ED) have superuser staff who receive frequent special pathogen updates?
☐ Yes
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20a - Do high-risk departments (e.g., the ED) have superuser staff who receive frequent special pathogen training?
☐ Yes
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20b - What training do they receive?
- ☐ PPE donning and doffing
- ☐ Lab specimen collection and handling
- ☐ Waste management
- ☐ Spill Clean up
- ☐ Cleaning and disinfection
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other

General Practice: Identify

21 - Does the facility have a standardized process for identifying patients with potentially infectious diseases?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

22 - Who is screened for signs and symptoms of infectious diseases when entering the facility?
- ☐ Patients
- ☐ Visitors
- ☐ Staff
- ☐ Vendors
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other

23a - Is infectious disease screening performed at all facility points of entry?
- ☐ Yes- at all points of entry
- ☐ At some points of entry
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

23b - Where does the screening take place?
- ☐ Emergency Department
- ☐ Primary Care Clinics
- ☐ Urgent Care Clinics
- ☐ Specialty Care Clinics
- ☐ Direct Admits
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other:

24 - What systems are used to identify potentially infectious persons?
- ☐ Verbal screening questionnaire
- ☐ Electronic screening questionnaire
- ☐ Patient portal screening
- ☐ Signage with self-identification instructions
- ☐ Self-entry kiosks
- ☐ Pre-screening phone call
- ☐ Other

☐ None

25 - What screening criteria does your facility use to identify patients with a potential High-Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID?)
☐ Presence of symptoms
☐ Travel based on geographical risk assessment
☐ Known or possible exposure
☐ None
☐ Other

26 - Does the facility have signage directing individuals with symptoms of communicable illness to notify staff immediately?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

27 - Does the facility have a process to identify and isolate potentially infectious patients whose symptoms develop or are recognized after admission?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

General Practice: Isolate

28a - Does the facility have an SOP or process algorithm to initiate isolation if a person screens positive?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

28b - What transmission-based precaution actions are included in a positive special pathogens screening?
☐ Provide mask to the individual (Source Control)
☐ Separation of suspected individual from other patients in the common/waiting areas if cannot be roomed immediately
☐ Relocation of patients already roomed in the designated isolation care room
☐ Alternative holding area if the designated isolation room is not immediately available
☐ Placement in private AIIR room or private room with closed door
☐ Considers accommodation of family members or visitors who accompanied the individual to the facility
☐ Cleaning and disinfection of screening location
☐ Other
☐ None

29 - Are triage procedures in place to rapidly separate symptomatic or high-risk patients from others?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

30 - How are patients identified at the facility as under investigation or infected with a transmissible pathogen?
- ☐ Sign on the outside of the door
- ☐ Infection flag in the EMR or patient chart
- ☐ Verbal Communication
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

31 - Does the unit/ facility have dedicated staff they can designate to the patient during the evaluation process?
- ☐ Yes
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32 - If the primary location for HCID isolation is not available, has a secondary location been identified?
- ☐ Yes
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33 - Are isolation precautions initiated immediately upon suspicion of an infectious illness?
- ☐ Yes
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34 - Are identified isolation rooms equipped with a private bathroom or commode?
- ☐ Yes
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35 - Does the facility have a prep checklist for these rooms prior to placing a patient in them (e.g., removing unnecessary items/ equipment)?
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36a - Does the facility utilize a log sheet for staff who have interacted with the person under investigation for the special pathogen?
- ☐ Yes
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36b - What information does the log collect?
- ☐ Staff Member
- ☐ Pathogen of Concern
- ☐ Duration of time in contaminated space or handling infectious materials
- ☐ PPE Used
- ☐ Reports of PPE breaches

☐ Status of patient (wet, dry)
☐ Vaccination status of staff member (if applicable to the pathogen of concern)
☐ Other
☐ None

37 - Is appropriate PPE available at point of use?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

38 - Does the facility have defined staff roles and responsibilities to maintain PPE stock and supply?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

General Practice: Inform

39a - Does the facility have a developed communication algorithm for a person suspected to be infected with a special pathogen?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

39b - Does the communication algorithm include notification to critical partners when a person suspected to be infected with a special pathogen is identified?
☐ Yes, Internal Partners
☐ Yes, External Partners
☐ Both Internal and External Partners
☐ None

39c - Does the communication algorithm include key stakeholders with their role and contact information?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Unsure

39d - What parties are notified in this communication algorithm?
☐ Unit leadership/ manager
☐ Infection Control
☐ Infectious Disease (or designated physician team)
☐ Facility leadership
☐ Hospital incident command
☐ Special pathogens leadership (if applicable)
☐ State/ Local Public Health Contacts
☐ Public Health Lab
☐ Emergency Medical Services (if applicable)
☐ Facilities/Engineering
☐ Environmental services
☐ Security personnel

☐ Laboratory personnel
☐ Other
☐ None

39e - How often is the communication algorithm reviewed?
☐ Quarterly
☐ Annually
☐ As needed
☐ Other
☐ Not frequently updated

40 - Does notification to relevant personnel occur in real time?
☐ Yes
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☐ Unsure

Answer Key

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[x] Process for notifying facility leadership **- *Preferred***
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Policy & Procedure

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13b - Policies and SOPs for "Identify" address: **(Select all preferred options)**

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[x] PPE ensembles based on pathogen-specific risks **- *Preferred***
[x] PPE donning procedures **- *Preferred***
[x] PPE doffing procedures **- *Preferred***
[x] PPE storage and inventory management **- *Preferred***
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[x] Staffing model to respond/support patient care with HCID positive screenings **- *Preferred***
[x] Zoning procedures to establish cold and hot zones **- *Preferred***
[x] Workflow for patient care (including path of travel for HCW and patients/ visitors, entry/ exit) **- *Preferred***
[x] Methods of communication from care team in isolation (limiting face to face interaction) **- *Preferred***
[x] Waste Management **- *Preferred***
[x] Employee health tracking **- *Preferred***
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13d - Policies and SOPs for "Inform" address: **(Select all preferred options)**

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16c - What frequency is the Identify, Isolate, and Inform training provided? **(Select all preferred options)**
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17 - Are frontline staff trained to recognize signs and symptoms of transmissible disease?
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20b - What training do they receive? **(Select all preferred options)**
[x] PPE donning and doffing **- *Preferred***
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General Practice: Identify

21 - Does the facility have a standardized process for identifying patients with potentially infectious diseases?
[x] Yes - *Preferred*
[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

22 - Who is screened for signs and symptoms of infectious diseases when entering the facility? **(Select all preferred options)**
[x] Patients **- *Preferred***
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23a - Is infectious disease screening performed at all facility points of entry?
[x] Yes- at all points of entry **- *Preferred***
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23b - Where does the screening take place? **(Not scored – Informational Only)**
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[x] Placement in private AIIR room or private room with closed door **- *Preferred***
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the facility **- *Preferred***
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29 - Are triage procedures in place to rapidly separate symptomatic or high-risk patients from others?
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[x] PPE Used **- *Preferred***
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[x] Status of patient (wet, dry) **- *Preferred Optional***
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[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

38 - Does the facility have defined staff roles and responsibilities to maintain PPE stock and supply?
[x] Yes - *Preferred*
[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

General Practice: Inform

39a - Does the facility have a developed communication algorithm for a person suspected to be infected with a special pathogen?
[x] Yes - *Preferred*
[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

39b - Does the communication algorithm include notification to critical partners when a person suspected to be infected with a special pathogen is identified? **(Select <u>at least one</u> preferred option)**
[x] Yes, Internal Partners **- *Preferred***
[x] Yes, External Partners **- *Preferred***
[x] Both Internal and External Partners **- *Preferred***
[ ] None

39c - Does the communication algorithm include key stakeholders with their role and contact information?
[x] Yes - *Preferred*
[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

39d - What parties are notified in this communication algorithm? **(Select all preferred options)**

[x] Unit leadership/ manager ***- Preferred***
[x] Infection Control ***- Preferred***
[x] Infectious Disease (or designated physician team) ***- Preferred***
[x] Facility leadership ***- Preferred***
[x] Hospital incident command ***- Preferred Optional***
[x] Special pathogens leadership (if applicable) ***- Preferred Optional***
[x] State/ Local Public Health Contacts ***- Preferred***
[x] Public Health Lab ***- Preferred Optional***
[x] Emergency Medical Services (if applicable) ***- Preferred Optional***
[x] Facilities/Engineering ***- Preferred***
[x] Environmental services ***- Preferred***
[x] Security personnel ***- Preferred***
[x] Laboratory personnel ***- Preferred***
[ ] Other
[ ] None

39e - How often is the communication algorithm reviewed? **(Select all preferred options)**

[x] Quarterly ***- Preferred***
[x] Annually ***- Preferred***
[x] As needed ***- Preferred***
[ ] Other
[ ] Not frequently updated

40 - Does notification to relevant personnel occur in real time?

[x] Yes *- Preferred*
[ ] No
[ ] Unsure

Guidance

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Innovate IPC Behind the Mask Webinar Series. Identify, Isolate, Inform Webinar. https://echo360.org/media/c64cc86f-9b04-4898-922a-bc7f9c1538de/public

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). https://aspr.hhs.gov/HealthCareReadiness/HPP/Pages/default.aspx

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