

Pre-Implementation Tool—Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP)

(For use in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Nursing Homes only)

This NEW tool is designed to be used prior to implementation of EBP in your facility (either a unit, wing, or entire facility) as a guide for developing a successful plan for the implementation of EBP during high-contact resident care activities. It is intended for use in skilled nursing facilities/nursing homes.

This tool can be customized to meet facility-specific needs. EBP can be implemented in a manner that works best for your facility. While implementation of EBP for all residents who meet criteria is the goal, this may not initially be feasible for your facility. If, during the development of your implementation plan, challenges arise for facility-wide implementation, you may choose to implement EBP on a unit or wing first, preferably one where most residents would meet criteria for the use of EBP (e.g., residents with indwelling medical devices, wounds, or known MDRO infection or colonization).

HCP can reduce personal protective equipment (PPE) consumption by bundling multiple high-contact resident care activities (e.g., changing briefs, assisting with toileting, bathing/showering and providing hygiene could be bundled with changing linens).

Facility Name: _____

Date of Assessment: _____

1. Does your facility currently have a developed timeline for implementation of EBP?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, when do you expect to begin implementation?

- In 3–4 weeks
- In 1–2 months
- In >2 months

2. If question 1 is answered “Yes”, have you developed a policy and procedure document for the use of EBP?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If no, what challenges are you having with the development of a policy and procedure document?

- Staffing shortages
- Leadership input
- Other, please specify: _____

3. Does your facility currently have an interdisciplinary team (IDT) that manages facility infection prevention and control practices?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, who currently serves on the facility's IDT? (Select all that apply)

- Medical director
- Director of Nursing
- Nurse (RN, LPN, LVN)
- Environmental services
- Certified nursing assistant
- Other, please specify: _____



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4. Does your facility currently have a process for storing personal protective equipment (PPE) where resident care is provided (e.g., outside the resident room in PPE carts or isolation caddies)?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, who is responsible for tracking and restocking PPE? (Select all that apply)

- Infection Preventionist
- Nurse/Unit Manager
- Nurse
- Environmental services
- Certified nursing assistant
- Other, please specify: _____

At what frequency is tracking and restocking occurring?

- Hourly
- Every shift
- Daily
- As needed

5. Does your facility currently provide HCP access to alcohol-based hand sanitizers (ABHS) where resident care is provided (e.g., immediately outside the resident room, inside the resident room)?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, who is responsible for tracking and replenishing ABHS? (Select all that apply)

- Infection Preventionist
- Nurse/Unit Manager
- Nurse
- Environmental services
- Certified nursing assistant
- Other, please specify: _____

At what frequency is tracking and replenishing occurring?

- Hourly
- Every shift
- Daily
- As needed

PPE and ABHS should be made available in areas where resident care is provided. Designating staff to be responsible for monitoring and restocking supplies on a consistent basis will promote staff adherence

6. Does your facility have an established tool for documentation of residents who would meet criteria for EBP?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, which criteria do you include? (Select all that apply)

- Indwelling medical device
- Wound
- MDRO (colonization or infection)

Review <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/faqs.html> for clarification of indwelling medical devices and wounds in the context of EBP

7. Does your facility have a designated person for confirming which residents meet EBP criteria?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, who will identify which residents meet EBP? (Select all that apply)

- Infection Preventionist
- Nurse/Unit Manager
- Nurse
- Environmental services
- Certified nursing assistant
- Other, please specify: _____

The facility should decide who will be responsible for identifying residents, newly admitted and current, who meet EBP criteria and for maintaining the list. This list should be reviewed periodically (e.g., daily, weekly) for consistency.

8. Does your facility have an infection preventionist (IP) on-site?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, which best describes their dedicated time on-site?

- Part-time
- Full-time
- Other, please specify: _____

One or more individuals with training in infection control should provide on-site management of the infection prevention and control program. This should be a full-time role for at least one person in facilities that have more than 100 residents or that provide on-site ventilator or hemodialysis services.

9. Has your facility developed a plan that specifically addresses communication with residents, their families, and visitors about EBP implementation?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, does this plan include newly admitted and current residents?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Communicating EBP information including the use of PPE as a means to prevent the spread of resistant germs and to protect residents should be included as part of your EBP implementation plan.

10. Has your facility developed an education plan for providing EBP education and training for staff working in the facility?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, who has received education and training? *(Select all that apply)*

- Medical director
- Administration
- Clinical leadership (DON, DNS, ADON)
- Nurse (RN, LPN, LVN)
- Environmental services
- Certified nursing assistant
- Therapy (PT, OT, ST)
- Other, please specify: _____

Facilities should develop processes to ensure all facility staff understand and are competent in infection prevention and control measures. Training should be provided before implementing EBP and at least annually as a refresher. Training should be job-specific and include how and when EBP should be used.

11. Does your facility currently monitor adherence to infection prevention and control (IPC) practices?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

If yes, what practices are routinely audited (i.e., monitor and document)? *(Select all that apply)*

- Hand hygiene
- Use of PPE
- Cleaning and disinfection of environmental services
- Cleaning and disinfection of mobile equipment
- Other, please specify: _____

If yes, do you currently follow a process to provide real time feedback for adherence?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Audits include direct observations and monitoring of staff adherence to job-specific infection prevention and control measures to provide opportunities for real-time feedback and additional training when lapses occur.