

State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix PP and
Texas Administrative Code (TAC) with the inclusion of guidance from the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS FOR NURSING FACILITIES (NF)

NF Regulations

- F334 (Federal) :
 - Minimize the risk of residents acquiring, transmitting, or experiencing complications from influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia by assuring that each resident:
 - Is informed about the benefits and risks of immunizations; and
 - Has the opportunity to receive, unless medically contraindicated or refused or already immunized, the influenza and pneumococcal vaccine

NF Regulations

- F441 (Federal):
 - Infection Control Program: The facility must establish and maintain an Infection Control Program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.
 - The intent of this regulation is to assure that the facilities develop, implement, and maintain an Infection Prevention and Control Program in order to prevent, and control, to the extent possible, the onset and spread of infection within the facility.

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- F441 Infection Prevention and Control Program Components includes but is not limited to:
 - Policies, procedures, and practices
 - Program oversight
 - Infection preventionist
 - Surveillance
 - Education
 - Antibiotic review

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- F441 also has requirements for the following to be addressed in the facility, to reduce the spread of and increase the prevention of infection:
 - Prevention and Control of Transmission of Infection
 - Standard Precautions
 - Hand hygiene
 - Airborne Precautions
 - Contact Precautions
 - Droplet Precautions

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- F441 cont.
 - Safe water precautions
 - Handling linens to prevent and control infection transmission
 - Recognizing and containing outbreaks
 - Preventing spread of illness related to multi-drug resistant organisms
 - Preventing infections related to the use of specific devices

NF Regulations

- TAC §19.1601 (State):
 - (a) Infection Control Program. The facility must establish and maintain an infection control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection, including influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and tuberculosis
 - (b) Preventing the spread of infection.

NF TAC §19.1601

- In addition to an infection control program and preventing the spread of infection, the TAC §19.1601 rule also requires policies/procedures to be in place for the following:
 - (c) Communicable Diseases
 - (d) Tuberculosis
 - (e) Vaccinations
 - (f) Linens
 - (g) The Quality Assessment and Assurance Committee

NF TAC §19.1602

- TAC §19.1602 discusses Universal Precautions, stating:
 - Universal precautions must be used in the care of all residents. Facilities are responsible for complying with Occupational Safety Hazards Administration (OSHA) regulations found at 29 Code of Federal Regulations, §1910.1030 (relating to Bloodborne Pathogens).