

WAC 246-337-060 Infection control. The licensee must implement and maintain an infection control program that prevents the transmission of infections and communicable disease among residents, staff, and visitors by:

- (1) Developing written policies and procedures for:
 - (a) Hand hygiene;
 - (b) Cleaning and disinfection;
 - (c) Standard precautions to prevent transmission of bloodborne pathogens in accordance with chapter 296-823 WAC;
 - (d) Resident hygiene;
 - (e) Preventing transmission of tuberculosis consistent with the department's *Washington State Tuberculosis Services Manual*, DOH 343-071 June 2012, and chapter 246-170 WAC;
 - (f) Management of staff with a communicable disease in an infectious stage;
 - (g) Environmental management; and
 - (h) Housekeeping functions.
- (2) Complying with chapters 246-100 and 246-101 WAC.
- (3) Providing all necessary supplies and equipment to implement the infection control program.
- (4)(a) An RTF licensed to provide pediatric transitional care services must require all staff to provide proof of full vaccination against, or show proof of acquired immunity for, the following:
 - (i) Chickenpox (Varicella);
 - (ii) German measles (Rubella);
 - (iii) Measles (Rubeola);
 - (iv) Mumps;
 - (v) Whooping cough (pertussis); and
 - (vi) Influenza (flu).

Influenza vaccination is annual and must be received within the first month it becomes publicly available.

(b) The licensee may exempt a person working at their facility from one or more of the vaccinations required by this subsection if acceptable medical documentation of a medical contraindication, signed by a health care provider, is provided to the licensee.

(c) For the purposes of this subsection:

(i) Full vaccination means vaccinations given at the ages and intervals according to the national Center for Disease Control and Prevention immunization guidelines in "*Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older—United States, 2018*"; as published in the "*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) 2018; 67(5):158-160.*"

(ii) Acquired immunity means a medically documented positive titer.

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