



# DID YOU KNOW?

Health PEI

## Hand Hygiene Audits

### Why Audit Hand Hygiene?

- Hand Hygiene (HH) remains the most effective practice to reduce healthcare associated infections.
- Health PEI aims for 100% compliance with HH.

### What is the Audit Process?

- Standardized direct observation audits focus on the four moments of HH.
- Infection Control Professionals (ICPs) conduct these audits in acute care, long-term care, and community programs.

### When Do the Audits Occur?

- Quarterly
  - January, April, July & October
- During outbreaks
- When requested by the unit/household/ service

### Who Receives the Data?

- Staff observed in the audit
- Unit/household/service leaders
- **Infection Prevention and Control** Quality Improvement Teams (IPAC QITs)

### What Can You Do?

- Complete your mandatory annual HH education module.
- Perform the 4 moments of HH.
- Watch for audit results and review them with your colleagues/team.

### Reminders:

#### At Health PEI:

- We have a **Provincial Hand Hygiene Policy**
- We have a standardized mandatory yearly online **Education Module**
- We perform quarterly audits

