



Accreditation: ROP of the Week

Required Organizational Practice: Hand-Hygiene Education & Training

WHAT IS HAND-HYGIENE EDUCATION & TRAINING?

- Hand-hygiene is a **critical element of infection prevention and control programs in healthcare**. Education and training on hand-hygiene addresses the importance of hand-hygiene in preventing infections, demonstrating proper techniques and influencing positive hand hygiene behavior.

AT HEALTH PEI:

- There is a provincial ***Hand Hygiene Policy*** that was updated in the fall 2021. The policy can be found on the Policy Document Management System (PDMS/MedWorxx).
- Staff, students and volunteers receive **hand-hygiene education as part of general orientation**.
- **All Health PEI staff, physicians and volunteers must also complete hand-hygiene training annually**. Staff can access IPAC Canada's online hand-hygiene learning module to complete their training.
- The ***Your Four Moments for Hand-Hygiene*** posters are displayed throughout Health PEI programs and facilities. The four moments are:
 1. **Before initial contact with the patient/client/resident or their environment.**
 2. **Before a clean/aseptic procedure.**
 3. **After body fluid exposure risk.**
 4. **After touching a patient/client/resident or their environment.**

Hand-hygiene education is provided to team members and volunteers.

Questions Accreditation Canada Surveyors May Ask Staff:

Why is hand-hygiene important?
What are the "Four Moments" of hand-hygiene?
What are two methods of performing hand-hygiene?
What hand-hygiene education/training have you received?