

**It takes all of us  
working together to  
prevent infections and  
thus protect our  
Residents.**

If you have any further questions or  
concerns, please contact us:  
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## **INFECTION CONTROL**

**Is Everyone's  
Business**



**Information for:**

residents,  
families  
and visitors



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### What is Infection Control?

Infection Control is the practice by which the facility prevents and manages infections. Infection Control principles are included in all aspects of providing care for all residents.

### What is the Best Method of Preventing Infections?

Handwashing is the best method to prevent infections. In order to protect residents from infections, staff wash their hands often. We encourage residents and visitors to do the same. Hands are best washed when you arrive, and before you leave the building.

A paper towel should be used to turn off the taps to keep your hands clean after washing. Handwashing is the best prevention against the spread of infection.

### Why do Staff Sometimes Wear Gloves, Gowns and Masks?

Because it is sometimes necessary to take additional measures, gloves, gowns and masks may be worn to protect the resident and caregiver from potential infection.

### Why Might I be asked Not to Visit in the Facility?

Family members and visitors may be asked to not visit the facility during an infectious disease outbreak when residents in the home are ill.

The purpose is to protect you and your family from the illness.

Family members and visitors should also not visit if they have colds, fever, or vomiting and diarrhea. Children exposed to chickenpox are advised not to visit. The residents can catch these infections easily.

### What Else Can I Do To Prevent Infections?

Immunization is important for all seniors. It is especially important for individuals who are frequent visitors in a long term care facility.

It is recommended that seniors receive a single dose of tetanus and diphtheria booster every ten years

### Should I Bring in Treats of Food?

Food and water are carefully monitored in the facility to prevent any possible food poisoning. We ask that you not leave perishable food in a resident's drawer, but instead label the food with the resident's name and the date the food arrived so that it can be refrigerated by the staff.