

Title	Describe infection control requirements in a health or wellbeing setting		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This entry-level unit standard is for people providing services in a health or wellbeing setting.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the causes and transmission of infection; describe signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work; demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions; and describe the requirements for reporting risks of infection, in a health or wellbeing setting.</p>
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to: Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996 (the Code of Rights); Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001; Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Human Rights Act 1993; Privacy Act 1993.
The above legislation is available at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>.
- 2 New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to: NZS 8134.0:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (general) Standard*; NZS 8134.1:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (core) Standards*; NZS 8134.3:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (infection prevention and control) Standards*; NZS 8158:2012 *Home and community support sector Standard*; available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- 3 Definitions
Health or wellbeing setting includes but is not limited to – the aged care, acute care, community support, disability, mental health, and social services sectors.

Organisational policies and procedures – policies, procedures and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across a company, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies and procedural documents.

Person – a person accessing services. Other terms used for the person may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, service user, tūroro, or tangata whai ora.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the causes and transmission of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

Range evidence is required of one example of each.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Principal causes of infection are described in terms of a virus, bacteria, fungi and parasites.
- 1.2 Transmission methods for infection are described in terms of direct, indirect, airborne and vector-borne.

Outcome 2

Describe signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range evidence is required of signs for a minimum of two infectious conditions.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Hand hygiene procedures are demonstrated in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 3.2 Infection control precautions are described for two different care situations in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range precautions may include but are not limited to – hand-washing; wearing gloves, goggles or glasses, aprons, gowns, hats, masks; alcohol hand rubs; evidence is required of one precaution for each care situation.

3.3 Disposal of body fluids and waste is described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range body fluids and waste may include but are not limited to – dressings; urine drainage and colostomy bags; contents of urinals, pans, and commodes; continence pads; sanitary products, gloves; evidence is required of two different types of body fluids or waste.

3.4 Methods for handling soiled gowns, bedding, and clothing are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

3.5 First aid measures for contact exposure to blood or body fluids are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range measures include but are not limited to – emergency treatments for accidents or incidents involving sharps, body fluid splashes, blood spills.

Outcome 4

Describe the requirements for reporting risks of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

4.1 Requirements for reporting risks of infection are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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