

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER SAFETY POLICY

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PURPOSE

To prevent occupational hazards and the spread of infection to patients and staff, to provide a safe work environment, and to improve patient care.

POLICY

The LAC+USC Medical Center shall have Infection Control Committee and designated Infection Control staff in each facility to administer the Infection Control Program. The Infection Control Committee and Infection Control staff is responsible for the prevention and control of infections and the development, implementation, and monitoring of the Infection Control Plan.

PROCEDURE

The Infection Control Program shall include but not be limited to the following:

- To establish infection control policies and protocols, including Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan and Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Exposure Control Plan, in accordance with Cal/OSHA regulations, The Joint Commission standards, and applicable laws and regulations.
- To comply with California Department of Health Services, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, and Cal/OSHA guidelines.
- To identify infectious diseases.
- To implement appropriate isolation precautions.
- To ensure all health care workers practice Standard Precautions and proper hand hygiene at all times and in all appropriate settings.
- To provide and train employees on proper use of personal protective equipment and safety equipment.
- To ensure proper management and reporting of accidental exposures.
- To provide infection control training of newly hire healthcare employees and annually thereafter.

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REFERENCE

- Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 70739
- The Joint Commission Infection Control Standard
- Title 42, Federal Code of Regulations, Section 482.42 (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Condition of Participation: Infection Control)
- Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Sections 3203, 5144, 5193 and 5199

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