

# Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel Workgroup

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# Disclaimer

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# Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel Workgroup: Goal & Charge

- **Update:** *Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, 1998*
- **Goal:** To provide updated information on Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel (HCP), Section 2
- **Workgroup Charge:** The workgroup will focus on pathogen-specific issues for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel. Where information is out of date, the Workgroup will make updates using evidence-based methods where evidence is available.

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# Status Report

- **Section 1: Infrastructure and Routine Practices for Occupational Infection Prevention and Control Services** published October 2019:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/infrastructure.html>
- **Section 2: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among HCP and Patients:**
- Diphtheria, Group A *Streptococcus*, Meningococcal Disease, Pertussis published November 2021 and Rabies published November 2022:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/selected-infections/index.html>

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# Status Report: Section Progress

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella sections have completed clearance and are posted to the Federal Register. The deadline to submit public comments is September 15, 2023.
- The Pregnant HCP section completed the 60-day public comment period and received one comment in support of the guidance.
- Cytomegalovirus and Parvovirus B19 sections are in clearance, and the Conjunctivitis section will go into clearance very soon.
- *S. aureus* is on hold pending a literature review.
- The group has begun section scope determination for the Gastroenteritis section.
- “On Deck:” Scabies/Pediculosis, Hepatitis A, Bloodborne Pathogens (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV), Herpes, Tuberculosis, Viral Respiratory Infections

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# Pregnant Healthcare Personnel

- Completed CDC clearance
- Completed the 60-day public comment period on Regulations.gov
- Received 1 comment from The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)

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# Pregnant Healthcare Personnel: Public Comment

“The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) wishes to thank the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the opportunity to provide input to the CDC Draft Guidance: Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients: Pregnant Healthcare Personnel. APIC is a nonprofit, multidisciplinary organization representing 15,000 infection preventionists whose mission is to advance the science and practice of infection prevention and control. We thank the CDC and Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) for your work on this document and you have our full support for the document as written. We look forward to continuing to work with CDC to prevent HAIs in healthcare facilities.”

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# Pregnant Healthcare Personnel

## DRAFT Recommendation

1. Do not routinely exclude healthcare personnel only on the basis of their pregnancy or intent to be pregnant from the care of patients with infections that have potential to harm the fetus (e.g., CMV, HIV, viral hepatitis, herpes simplex, parvovirus, rubella, varicella)

- No changes have been proposed or made since the Committee last voted on this draft guideline.

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**Discussion/Comments/Questions**

