

Infection Prevention & Control Audit Tool: Hand Hygiene

Facility Name:

Unit:

Date:

Auditor Name:

Start time:

End time :

Directions: Place a single tally mark “|” for each ‘Hand hygiene opportunity’ observed. Under ‘Opportunity successful’, place a single tally mark “|” if successful and leave blank if not successful. In the ‘Notes’ column, record relevant information such as any missed hand hygiene opportunity (if applicable). Use a separate line for each staff member observed or each role/discipline observed.

Ideally the person being observed should not know the audit is being performed. Consider developing a policy for your hand hygiene auditing program and train multiple staff to perform the audits.

Role/Discipline	Hand Hygiene Opportunity*	Opportunity Successful	Notes
Nursing			Missed: Before touching a patient

To calculate the adherence rate, divide the total number of successful opportunities by the total number of hand hygiene opportunities and multiply by 100.

Using the example above, $2/4 \times 100 = 50\%$.

Total # of successful opportunities _____ x 100 = _____ %
 Total # of hand hygiene opportunities _____ Adherence rate



Hand Hygiene Opportunities*

(Based on CDC's Clean Hand guidance for healthcare professionals.)



Freehold Area
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Immediately before touching a resident

- Prior to entering a resident's care area or room
- Prior to contact with a resident

2. Before performing an aseptic task

- Prior to administering medications
- Prior to manipulating indwelling devices

3. Before moving from work on a soiled body site to a clean body site on the same resident

- After wound care but before assistance with activities of daily of living

4. After touching a resident or the resident's surroundings

- After transferring or assisting a resident

5. After contact with blood, body fluids, or contaminated surfaces

- After performing point of care testing
- After performing wound care

6. Immediately after glove removal

- After assisting a resident
- After touching items in the resident room

Check for availability of the following:	Available	Notes
Sufficient supply of alcohol-based hand sanitizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Sufficient supply of soap at handwashing stations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Sufficient supply of paper towels at handwashing stations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visible and easy access to handwashing sinks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Visible and easy access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	