

Wisconsin HAI Education Series

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Hand Hygiene Audits and Tracking

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Agenda

- Review hand hygiene basics.
- Discuss effective hand hygiene audits.
- Share how to effectively present hand hygiene data.

Hand Hygiene Refresher



Hand Hygiene

- Should be implemented as part of standard precautions.
- Should be performed by staff, patients, residents, visitors, and volunteers.
- Expectations should be clearly outlined in facility policies.

Hand Hygiene



- Can be done using soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR).
- The method depends on type of infection.

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Before

Putting on personal protective equipment (PPE)

Touching patient

Aseptic procedure

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After

Touching patient or environment

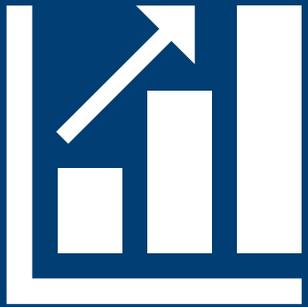
Contact with blood or bodily fluid

Removing PPE

Hand Hygiene Surveillance

- Hand hygiene surveillance is an important part of the infection prevention program.
- The number of observations done depends upon the facility's unique characteristics.
- Performing observations is a good start, but it's not enough!

Presenting Data



At a minimum, share the surveillance data that has been collected using:

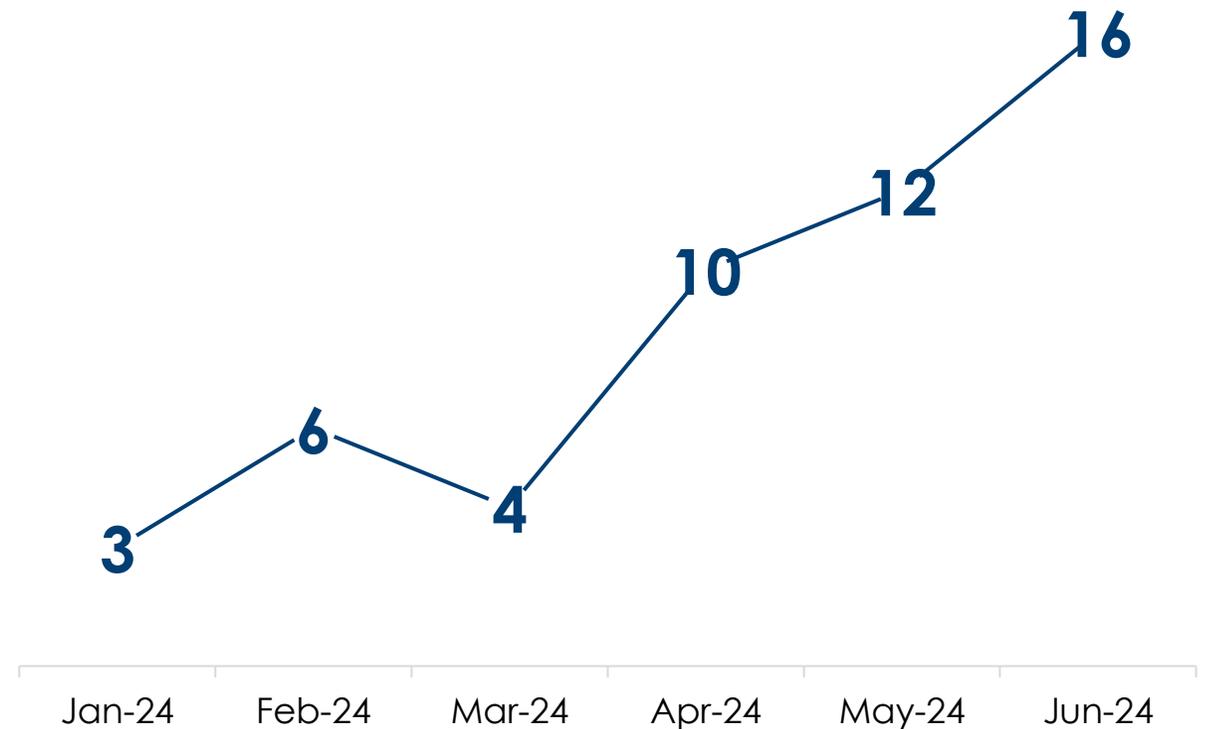
- Line lists
- Log books
- **Graphs**

Which is More Impactful?

Month	Infections
01/2024	3
02/2024	6
03/2024	4
04/2024	10
05/2024	12
06/2024	16

or

Infections Over 6 Months



Hand Hygiene Workbook



Questions?

Thank you!



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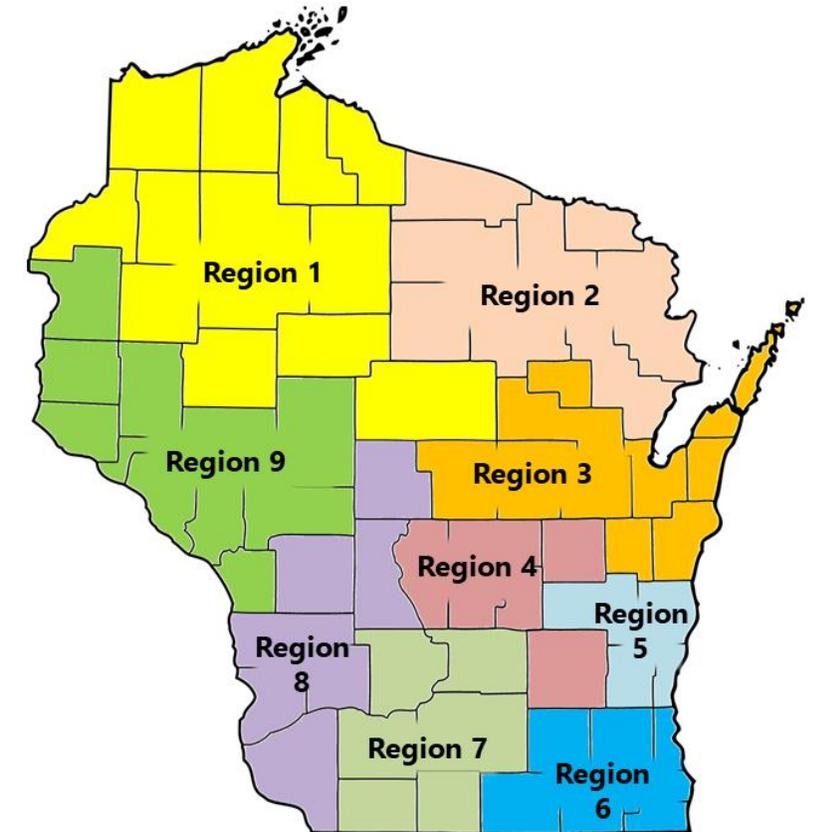
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HAI Infection Prevention Education webpage



- HAI: Home
- For Health Professionals
- For Patients & Families
- Infection Prevention Education**
- Infection Preventionist Starter Kit
- Multidrug-Resistant Organisms
- Precautions
- HAI Data
- National Healthcare Safety Network
- Antimicrobial Stewardship



HAI Infection Prevention Education

IPs play an essential role in facility infection prevention policy development, surveillance, and risk assessment. IPs also serve as a resource to other staff and programs within their facilities. The resources on this page are intended to connect health care facility infection preventionists (IP) with education materials to support their role in preventing, detecting, and responding to healthcare-associated infections (HAI).

Webinars

HAI Education Series

The HAI Education Series provides educational presentations on topics including infection prevention, HAIs, antibiotic stewardship, disease surveillance, and outbreak response for health care staff in all setting types, local and Tribal health departments, and other health care partners. Each session features a new, timely topic presented by the Department of Health Services (DHS) program staff, HAI infection preventionists, partner organizations, or other external subject matter experts.

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Topic: Health Care Laundry



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