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Infection Preventionist Lunch and Learn

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Series Objectives

- Encourage learning, growth, and networking
- Provide non-regulatory education and information
- Discuss topics relevant to new infection preventionists (IPs)

Infection Prevention Hot Topics

Today's Discussion

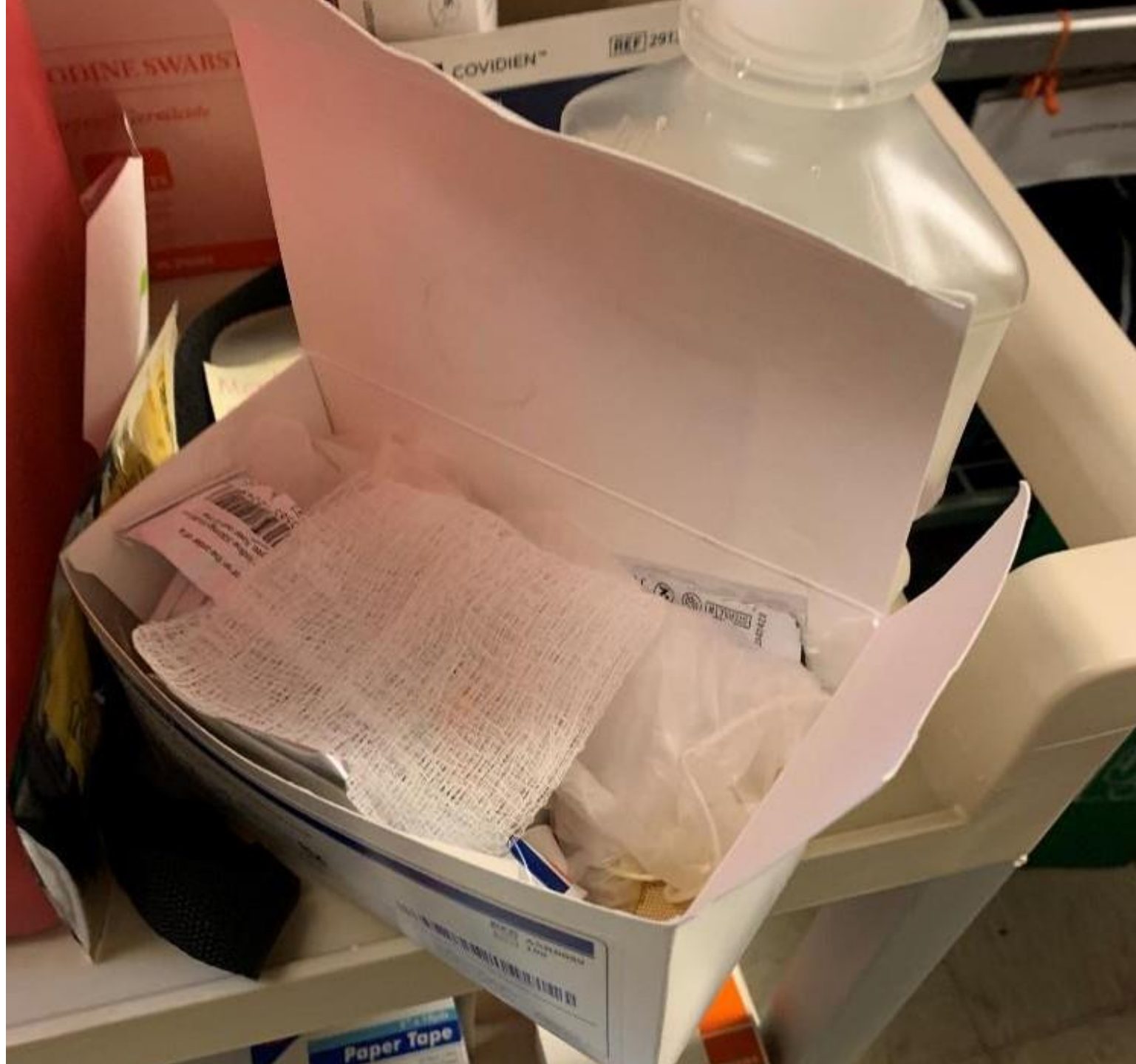
- Review common themes and hot topics observed in onsite visits.
- Share action items for IP.



Medication Preparation

- Ensure the splash zone is clear.
- Handle multi-dose vials appropriately.
- Ensure hand hygiene materials are readily available.





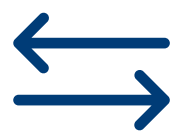
Wound Care Carts and Supplies

- Ensure items are single use whenever possible.
- Keep supplies organized.
- Check regularly for expired items.
- Never return contaminated items to the clean cart.

Shower Rooms, Spas, and Sinks



Water Management



Understand how **water enters and moves** within the facility.



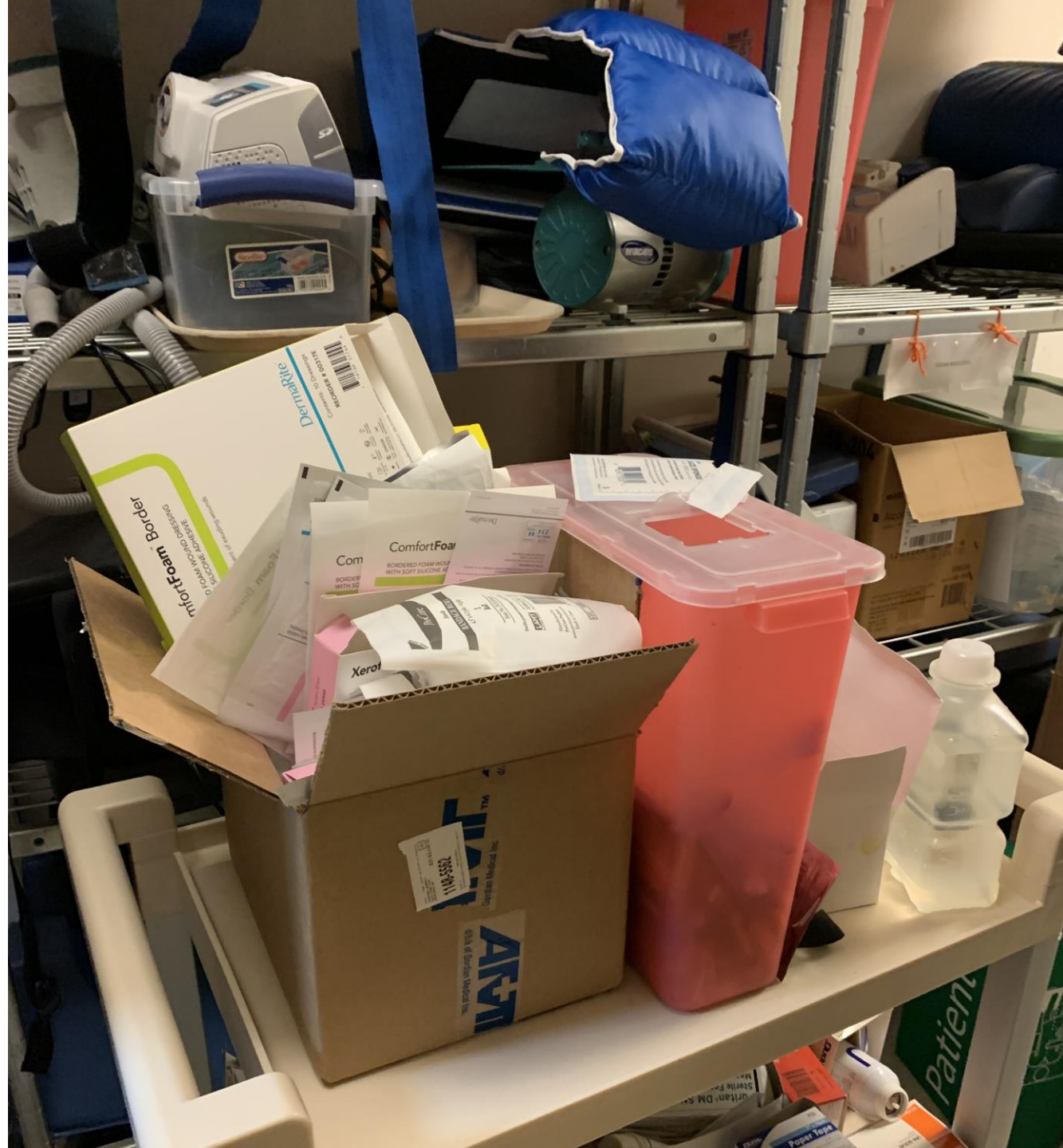
Maintain appropriate **water temperatures**.



Prevent stagnation.



Monitor water according to the plan.



Storage Rooms

- Separate clean from dirty.
- Check expiration dates.
- Don't store items on the floor.



Action Items for IPs

Assessing Environmental Risks

- Collaborate with facility staff, maintenance, environmental services, and frontline workers.
- Perform environmental rounding.
- Incorporate audits into IP work.



Environmental Rounding

Multidisciplinary Infection Prevention and Control Rounding Tool for Long-Term Care Settings

Use this tool when rounding at your long-term care community to assess areas for infection prevention and control gaps. It is recommended to perform [rounding](#) at least quarterly and involve other leaders and frontline staff in the assessment. This assessment can be performed by the infection preventionist or other designated staff.

Location:	
Observer:	
Date:	

Observations and assessment

Acceptable (A); Needs improvement (NI); Not applicable (NA);

Criteria	Assessment			Comments or follow-up actions needed
	A	NI	NA	
Entrance and lobby area				
Respiratory hygiene or cough etiquette signage is in place				
Alcohol-based hand rub is available				
Tissues and waste receptacles are accessible				
Masks are available				
Furniture is wipeable and free of tears				
Floor and walls are clean				

Audits

Hand Hygiene Observation Tool

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Presenting Data

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

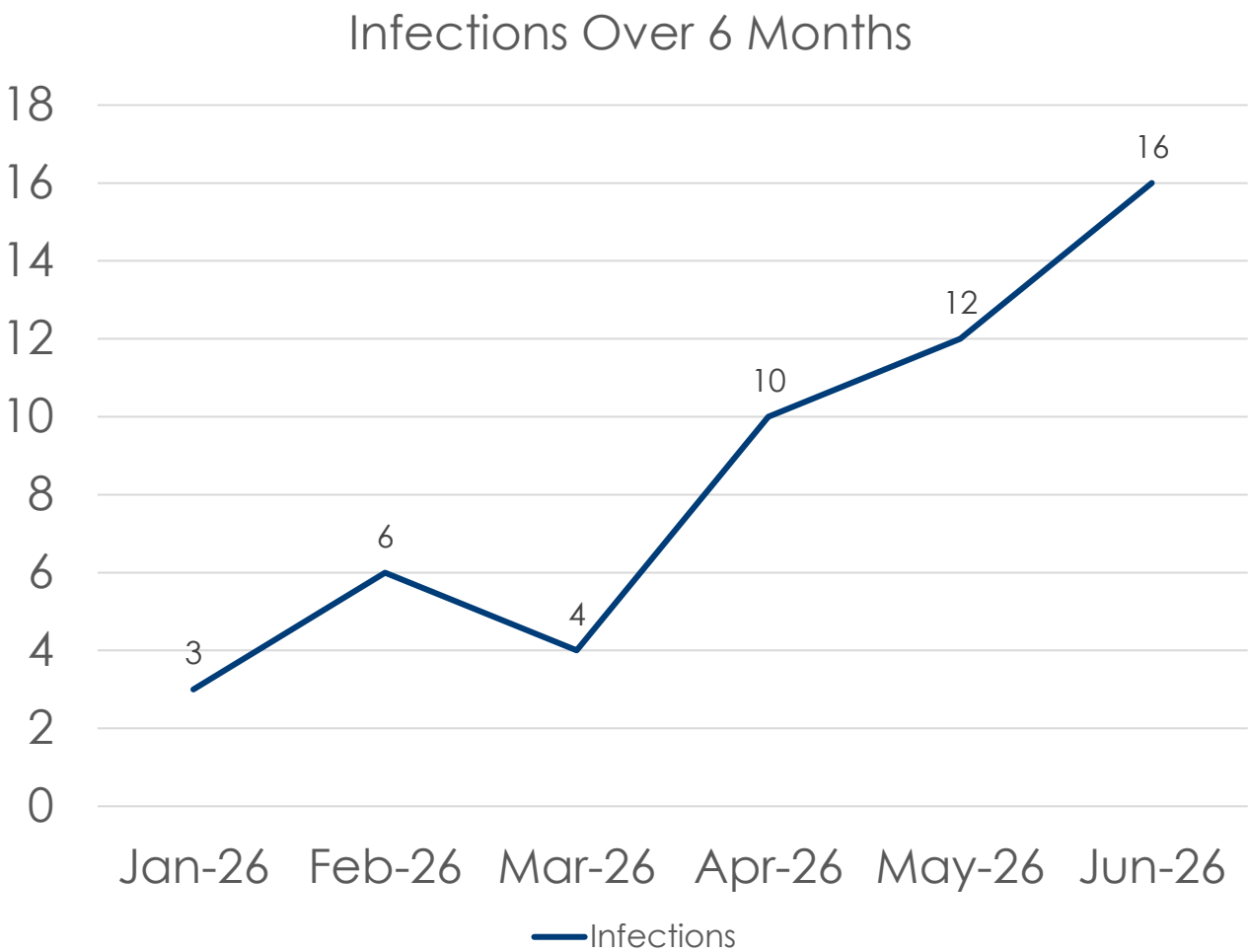
- Line lists
- Log books
- **Graphs**



Which is More Impactful?

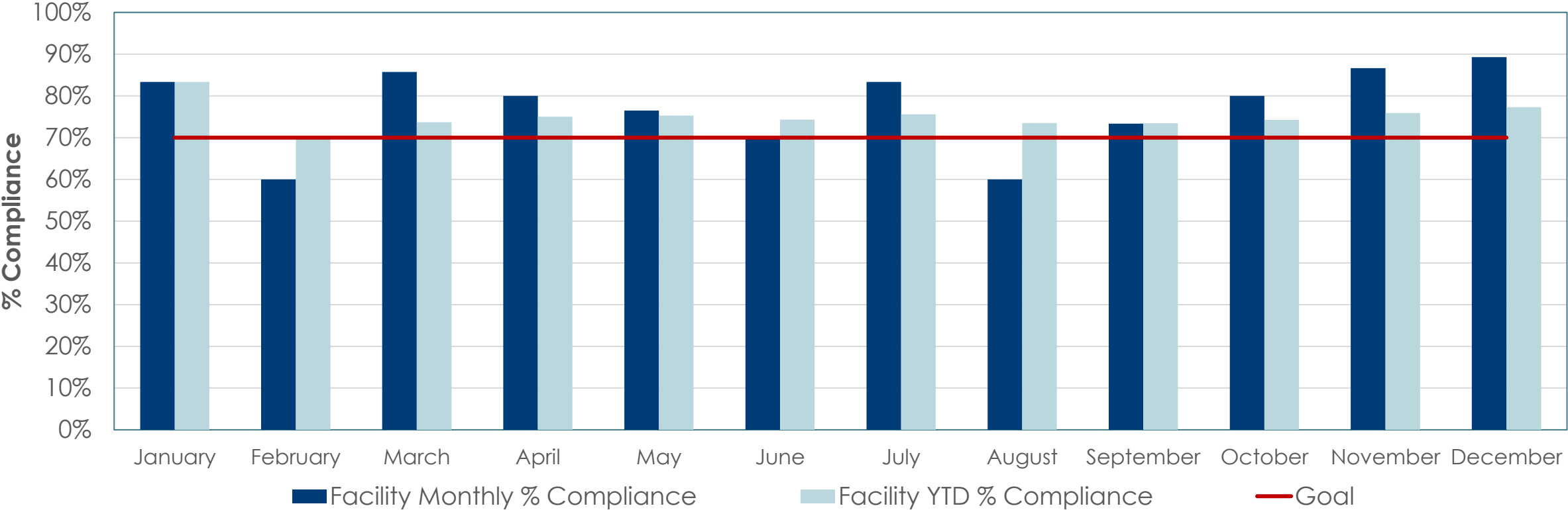
Month	Infections
01/2026	3
02/2026	6
03/2026	4
04/2026	10
05/2026	12
06/2026	16

or



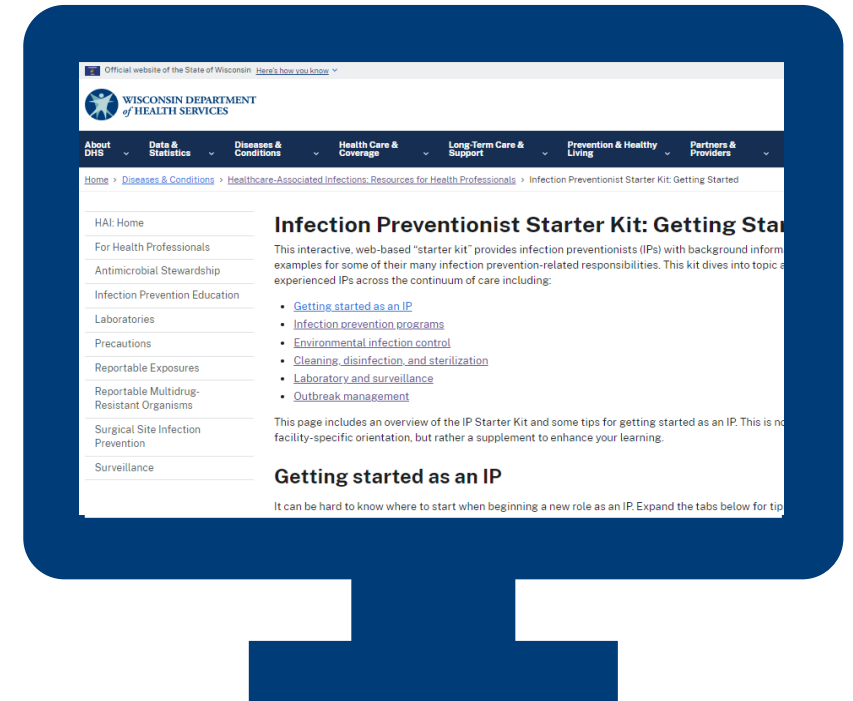
Hand Hygiene Data Presentation

Hand Hygiene Facility % Compliance Rates
2025



IP Starter Kit

- Interactive, web-based [resource](#)
- Background information, resources, and templates
- Covers topics applicable to IPs across care settings



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Send your questions and topic suggestions.

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Upcoming Lunch and Learn Session

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Topic: Outbreaks