



POLICY - STANDARD PRECAUTIONS ON INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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- Applies to:
- All Staff
- Applicable Standards:
- Aged Care Quality Standards
 - NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators 2021
 - Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare
- Applicable Legislation:
- Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)
 - Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (TAS)
- Contractual Obligations:
- FBC Enterprise Agreement

Purpose

Family Based Care Tasmania (FBC) is committed to ensuring that all employees are able to work in a safe environment.

Definition of Standard Precautions

All people potentially harbour infectious microorganisms. As such, it must be assumed that all blood and body fluids/substances are potentially infectious. **Standard Precautions** are the work practices required to achieve a basic level of infection prevention and control. The use of standard precautions aims to minimise and, where possible, eliminate the risk of transmission of infection, particularly those caused by blood borne viruses.

Standard Precautions

Standard precautions are the primary strategy for minimising the transmission of healthcare-associated infections. Standard precautions **must** be used when providing care to all clients, regardless of whether they have an infection or not. Standard precautions involve:

- hand hygiene,
- the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE),
- the safe use and disposal of sharps,
- routine environmental cleaning,
- respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette,
- waste management, and
- appropriate handling of linen.

Responsibilities

CEO

The CEO is to ensure that staff have the necessary knowledge and skills to provide safe, respectful, and quality care and services, and for ensuring that staff are appropriately trained in important processes such as infection control and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Executive Managers

Executive Managers are to ensure that the Association at all times maintains supply of and access to appropriate PPE across all regions.

Executive Manager PC&C

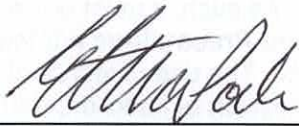
The Executive Manager PC&C is to ensure that all staff complete their annual Workforce Preservation Training in infection prevention and control.

Staff

Staff are to ensure they:

- follow Standard Precautions as detailed in this Policy and the accompanying Procedure - Standard Precautions;
- always have adequate supplies of PPE on hand;
- successfully complete their annual Workforce Preservation Training in a timely manner;
- successfully complete any other infection prevention and control training required by FBC;
- promptly report any breakdown in infection control or other identified infection hazards through the FBC Events System.

Authorised by:



President of the Board

Date:

18/9/23