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## Healthcare Associated Infections Unit (HAIU)

The HAI Unit is a unit within the Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section at DPH. The HAI Unit is responsible for HAI surveillance, data analysis, and reporting and is dedicated to continually improving infection prevention and control (IPC) practices within health care settings in South Carolina.

### THE HAI UNIT WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL/REGIONAL INFECTION PREVENTION NURSES

#### WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Guidance to prevent the transmission of infections in health care settings (including, but not limited to SARS-CoV-2 and multi-drug resistant organisms [MDROs])
- Infection prevention and control assistance during facility-associated outbreaks or as requested
- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) technical assistance including how to report and track data
- Training and education on basic infection prevention and control practices
- Onsite assessments of IPC plans, policies and practices to strengthen IPC programs
- Site-specific IPC tools for risk assessments, auditing, competency-based training, etc.
- Guidance in the development, implementation and maintenance of antibiotic stewardship programs throughout South Carolina

### CONTACT THE HAI UNIT FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

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