



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 multidrug-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 antimicrobial stewardship programs throughout South Carolina

CONTACT THE HAI UNIT FOR QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

General HAI Questions: (803) 898-0861 or hai_unit@dph.sc.gov

Antimicrobial Stewardship: hai_asp@dph.sc.gov

Project Firstline (IPC education/training): projectfirstline@dph.sc.gov

CHANGE IN FACILITY INFECTION PREVENTIONIST (IP)

For important communication (i.e., NHSN updates, relevant product recalls, training opportunities, etc.) from the HAI Unit, please report any changes in your facility's designated IP staffing or the NHSN administrator to the HAI Unit using the [Change in IP Form](#).

LOCAL/REGIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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