

INFECTION CONTROL ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSE PROJECT: A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES AND THE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR MISSOURI NURSING HOMES

The Quality Improvement Program for Missouri's Nursing Homes (QIPMO) is partnering with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) in response to the novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19. In doing so, QIPMO has formed an Infection Control and Assessment and Response (ICAR) team with a primary goal to assist Missouri Long-Term Care Facilities navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious diseases.

Members of the ICAR Team are available for voluntary, no cost visits (virtual and/or in-person) to any residential care, assisted living, and skilled nursing facility in Missouri.

These visits are intended to be consultative and collaborative in nature with a non-regulatory focus to evaluate infection control practices. Visits will consist of:

- completion of a standardized assessment of infection control processes, focusing on highly-transmittable infectious diseases
- observations of infection control practices
- preliminary feedback with supplemental educational resources

Participating facilities will receive a comprehensive feedback report following the visit. Additionally, the QIPMO ICAR team will be available to participating homes for follow-up assistance and education as requested.

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Facilities interested in assessing their infection prevention programs and partnering to enhance patient safety through quality facility assessment, staff education and training can contact the QIPMO ICAR Team at musoniar@missouri.edu or at (573) 882-0241.