

# Infection prevention in response to COVID-19

Infection preventionists' day-to-day work has shifted rapidly due to COVID-19 according to a 3M survey of infection preventionists working in acute and long-term care facilities.

## When asked about current priorities and areas of focus:

Percentages based on aggregated responses to open-ended questions.

**84%** of respondents referenced pandemic response or recovery as a top priority

**36%** of respondents said administration and/or leadership support was needed

**94%** of respondents said COVID-19 had impacted their approach to infection prevention

**41%** of respondents said keeping up with ongoing infection prevention activities, including healthcare-acquired infection (HAI) protocols and education, was challenging

## What were the biggest contributors of cross-contamination at your facility?

### Pre-Pandemic



**88%**

Staff non-compliance to existing infection prevention protocols

### During Pandemic



**54%**

Improper use of personal protective equipment

## Where do you focus the majority of your time?

### Pre-Pandemic



Surveillance and reporting

### During Pandemic



Strategies and protocols focused on sources of contamination that may lead to infection

## What are your highest priority HAI and/or condition initiatives?

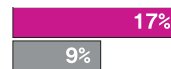
Percentages based on number of respondents who rated each as 5 on a 1 to 5 scale; 5 being "very much a priority."



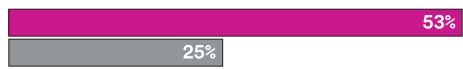
**Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)**



**Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)**



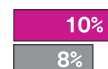
**Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)**



**Surgical Site Infection (SSI)**



**Peripheral Bloodstream Infection**



**Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)**



■ Pre-pandemic ■ Pandemic

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