

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.

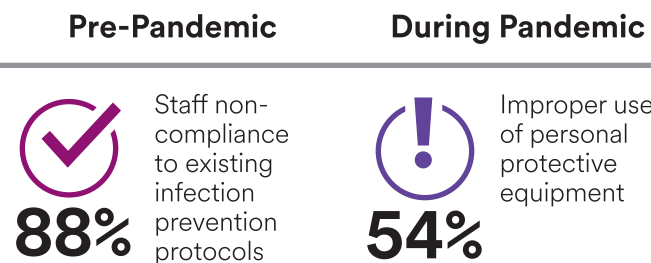
84% of respondents referenced pandemic response or recovery as a top priority

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

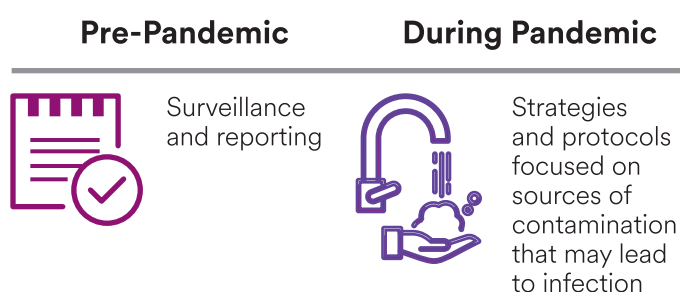
94% of respondents said COVID-19 had impacted their approach to infection prevention

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?

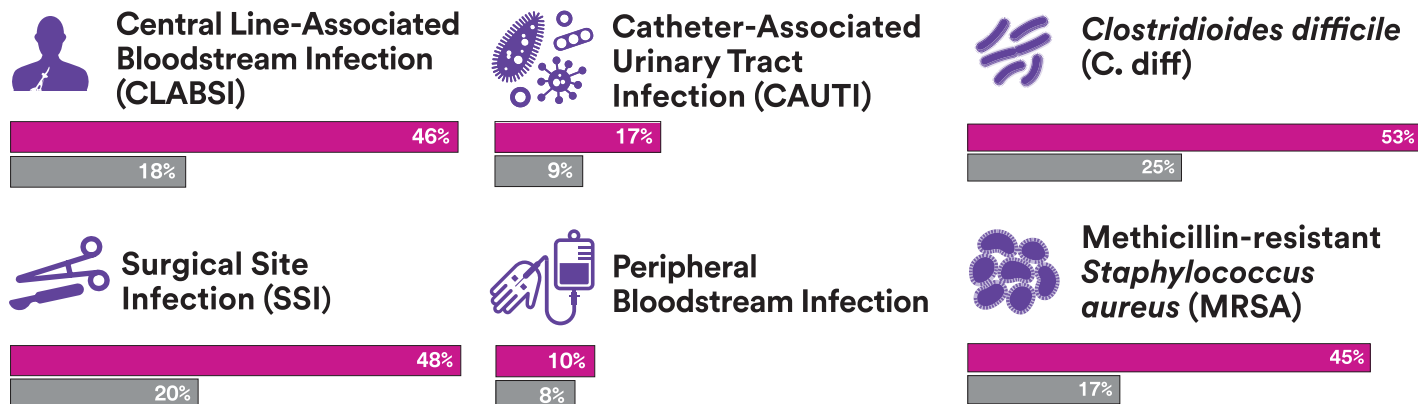


Where do you focus the majority of your time?



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."



■ Pre-pandemic ■ Pandemic

Results based on 3M funded online survey conducted June 1 – 4, 2020, of 118 self-identified infection prevention professionals that are members of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) in North America.

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