

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

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

During Pandemic

Where do you focus the majority of your time?

Pre-Pandemic

During Pandemic



Staff noncompliance to existing infection prevention protocols



Improper use of personal protective equipment



Surveillance and reporting



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

53%

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)







Peripheral Bloodstream Infection



Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)







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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