



# Infection Control & Monitoring



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# Identifying Infections

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It is the responsibility of Beacon staff to monitor the health and safety of the residents.



Changes in health should be reported to the Home Manager and Medical department right away.



Any unusual signs or symptoms must be documented in the Progress Note and/or Incident Report, and on the Infection Control Log.



The following slides include signs/symptoms that may indicate an underlying health problem.

# Symptoms of Possible Infection

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Changes in behavior (restlessness, anxiety, crying, withdrawn).

Changes in sleeping pattern (sleeping excessively, insomnia).

Changes in body odor (breath, urine, stool, perspiration).

Changes in nutritional intake (refusal of a meal(s)),

Increased or decreased fluid/food intake.

Changes in weight (increase or decrease).

# Symptoms of Possible Infection

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Changes in the digestive process (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, abdominal pain).

Changes in breathing/respiratory system (shallow, rapid, wheezing, difficulty breathing, painful respirations, coughing [productive or nonproductive], sneezing, nasal discharge, sore throat).

Changes in level of consciousness (stuporous, confused, dizzy, faint, comatose, or having headaches, seizures, or convulsions).

An injury to the body (scrape, scratch, abrasion, laceration, puncture wound, pain).

# Symptoms of Possible Infection

Changes in the skin: paleness, purple/blue coloring, blotchiness, reddened jaundice [yellow]; (condition-edema [swelling], dry, clammy, warm, or cool; with rashes, sores, pus, crusts, itching, sweating or pain);

Changes in body/limb movement (shuffling feet, tremors, unsteadiness on feet, jerking, stiffness, shaking, staggering).

Discharge or drainage (from any body opening, including skin and eyes).

Changes in elimination (changes in odor, color, consistency, output of stool or urine).

# Symptoms of Possible Infection

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Changes in vital signs (increase or decrease in blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and respirations).

- Blood pressure; normal range
  - Higher number [systolic]; 90-150
  - Lower number [diastolic]; 60-90
- Temperature normal range; 96-99.4F
- Pulse normal range; 50-100 beats per minute
- Respirations normal range; 12-28 per minute



### Infection Control Monitoring Log Per Home

Facility/Home: Beacon Home

Month/Year: January 2021

Today's Date	Resident's Name	Date of Infection	Type of Infection	Treatment/Orders	Date Resolved	Resolution	Follow Up (If applicable)
ex: 1/1/18	John Doe	12/31/17	Bronchitis	Z-Pack	1/8/18	Z-pack complete, symptoms resolved	No follow up necessary

The Infection Control Monitoring Log is used to track infections and monitor treatments and progress. The date of Infection, type of infection, treatment, and resolution should all be documented.

There should always be two Infection Control Monitoring Logs for each home per month. One for Staff, and one for Residents. Staff must document any infections and include all necessary information.

Infection Control  
Monitoring Logs  
are submitted into  
Clarity monthly.

Submit Event



Home log uploads



**NOTE:** Required questions marked with \*

\*Event Date/Time

01/01/2021 

\*Type of Log/Drill attached

Infection Control Log 



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