

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

<b>Initial Actions</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If either the volume or severity of an infectious disease significantly threatens or impacts day-to-day operations, activate facility's EOP and appoint a Facility Incident Commander (IC) if warranted.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify the local Department of Public Health and DHEC) to report an unusual occurrence and activation of facility's EOP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain guidance from the local health department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement appropriate infection control policies and procedures.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clearly post signs for cough etiquette, hand washing, and other hygiene measures in high visibility areas. Consider providing hand sanitizer and face/nose masks if practical.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider advising visitors to delay visits if needed to reduce exposure risk to residents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advise staff to check for signs and symptoms of illness and to not work if sick. Activate emergency staffing strategies as needed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limit exposure between infected and non-infected persons; consider isolation of ill persons.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct recommended cleaning/decontamination in response to the infectious disease.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If needed, the procedure for Emergency Admit is included in Appendix H and the Procedure for Handling Remains is included in Appendix I.