

Questions for Stakeholder Meeting – GACH Infection Control and Physical Plant

Infection Control

1. Current regulations require one full-time infection preventionist (IP) for hospitals with 200 or more beds. What should CDPH consider if updating the IP staffing requirement?
2. Should regulations address education, training, or certification expectations for infection preventionists and other infection control program staff? If so, what components of the education, training or certification expectations should be included in the regulations?
3. How should the regulations address adherence to evidence-based infection prevention care practices?
4. What is needed to clarify requirements for, or to improve hospital surveillance and reporting of healthcare-associated infections?
5. What is needed to clarify requirements for, or to improve hospital surveillance and reporting unusual infection occurrences or outbreaks?
6. What issues, if any, related to sterilization, disinfection, and reprocessing of medical devices and equipment should be addressed in regulation?
7. What issues, if any, related to medical waste should be addressed as part of infection control or physical plant regulations?

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Physical Plant

1. **Section 70811. Patient Rooms:** How does your facility reconcile differences between patient bed clearance requirements established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), California Code of Regulations Title 24 (Title 24), and California Code of Regulations Title 22 (Title 22)?
2. **Section 70811. Patient Rooms:** What role does infection control prevention play in establishing or modifying patient room clearances once a facility is in operation?
3. **Section 70825. Laundry Services:** How does your facility ensure that policies and procedures governing the handling, storage, transportation and processing of laundry and linens incorporate the latest standards for cleaning, worker safety, and infection control?
4. **Section 70825. Laundry Services:** Does your facility contract out some or all of its laundry services for hospital laundry and linen? If your facility contracts out for laundry service, how does your facility ensure that laundry processed by the outside contractor meets regulatory requirements and the hospital's cleaning standards?
5. **Section 70827. Housekeeping:** What environmental cleaning standards does your facility use?
6. **Section 70827. Housekeeping:** How does your facility's environmental cleaning plan integrate into the facility's larger infection control program?
7. **Section 70827. Housekeeping:** How does your facility's environmental cleaning plan integrate into the facility's larger quality assurance and performance improvement program?