

SAFETY AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Standard

Regulated members understand and comply with applicable with occupational health, safety and risk management **legislation**, principles, CDTA infection prevention and control (IPC) standards and guidelines and employer policies/guidelines.

Expectations

The Regulated Member **must**:

- a) Apply adequate infection prevention and control measures to prevent the transmission of infectious agents in compliance with legislation, and the College's standards, policies, directives advisories, and guidelines including but not limited to Council-approved **Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines**.
- b) Understand and participate in the occupational health and safety rules that apply to their work setting required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulation and Code*.¹
- c) Maintain professional **accountability** for monitoring their practices and implementing appropriate and timely IPC risk mitigations.
- d) Consider their **workplace** IPC program and ensure that appropriate infection prevention measures and controls are implemented regardless of employment status.²
- e) Identify and manage health and safety risks within the **workplace** regardless of employment status.³
- f) When providing authorized restricted activities, appropriately document a patient point of care risk assessment findings.
- g) Maintain competency by engaging in IPC continuing competence and education activities.
- h) Report IPC related practice errors and unaddressed IPC safety risks to the appropriate authorities. This may include reporting to the patient, client, employee, employer, Public Health, the College, and other authorities.
- i) Cooperate with workplace safety related inspections and investigations.

¹ <https://www.alberta.ca/ohs-act-regulation-code.aspx>

² Employment status refers to whether the regulated member is an employer or employee.

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- j) Be aware of their personal immunization status and how it could impact risk related to the transmission of infection.

RELATED GUIDELINES

[Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines.](#)

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GLOSSARY

Accountability: The obligation to answer for the professional, ethical, and legal responsibilities of one's activities and duties (Ellis & Hartley, 2009).

Legislation: Statutes, acts, regulations, and codes.

Must: is used where the duty is compulsory.

Regulated member(s): a person who is granted registration as a member of the CDTA in accordance with the HPA and the Regulation.

This term includes a previously regulated member whose last day of registration with the College is within the immediately preceding two years.

Workplace: The location where a regulated member provides dental technology services, whether self-employed, an employee, a contractor, consultant, or volunteer.