

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Article 41.—Assisted Living Facilities and Residential Health Care Facilities

26-41-207. Infection control.

(a) The administrator or operator of each assisted living facility or residential health care facility shall ensure the provision of a safe, sanitary, and comfortable environment for residents.

(b) Each administrator or operator shall ensure the development of policies and implementation of procedures to prevent the spread of infections. These policies and procedures shall include the following requirements:

- (1) Using universal precautions to prevent the spread of blood-borne pathogens;
- (2) techniques to ensure that hand hygiene meets professional health care standards;
- (3) techniques to ensure that the laundering and handling of soiled and clean linens meet professional health care standards;
- (4) providing sanitary conditions for food service;
- (5) prohibiting any employee with a communicable disease or any infected skin lesions from coming in direct contact with any resident, any resident's food, or resident care equipment until the condition is no longer infectious;
- (6) providing orientation to new employees and employee in-service education at least annually on the control of infections in a health care setting; and
- (7) transferring a resident with an infectious disease to an appropriate health care facility if the administrator or operator is unable to provide the isolation precautions necessary to protect the health of other residents.

(c) Each administrator or operator shall ensure the facility's compliance with the department's tuberculosis guidelines for adult care homes adopted by reference in K.A.R. 26-39-105.

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