NC Regional Infection Prevention Support (RIPS)

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Division of Public Health

Robust infection prevention practices are the backbone for preventing the spread of disease. The Regional Infection Prevention Support (RIPS) program strengthens infection prevention capacity through **training**, **education**, and **consultation** in long-term care settings. The RIPS program uses evidence-based infection control practices consistent with applicable CDC and CMS guidance.



Established in August 2020, the RIPS program provides onsite infection prevention support to all types of long-term care facilities, particularly skilled nursing facilities and adult care homes.

Our mission *is to increase infection prevention knowledge to mitigate and prevent health threats like respiratory illnesses and all other infectious diseases in the long-term care setting.*

RIPS Program Offerings*

- Infection prevention and control assistance that is supportive and consultative rather than regulatory
- Staff training/education around infection prevention measures using practical, hands-on techniques
- Site visits to assess facilities' infection control programs accompanied by written recommendations to improve policies and practices
- In-person infection prevention education



*All services by RIPS are provided at no cost.

Education Modules:

- Infection Prevention & Control
- Hand Hygiene
- Cleaning & Disinfection
- Transmission-Based Precautions and PPE
- Enhanced Barrier Precautions
- Wound Care
- Storage of Supplies
- Occupational Health

Select education modules found at the Infection Prevention Education webpage.

To request a RIPS visit or to ask an infection prevention question, please email: **infectionprevention@dhhs.nc.gov**

This service is provided by NCDHHS Division of Public Health supported by federal funding.