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There must be an active program for the prevention, control, and investigation of infection and communicable diseases.

Guidance §483.470(I)(1)

Facilities maintain an ongoing surveillance program of communicable disease control and investigation of infections and an active training program that ensures the clients served receive adequate prevention of transmission information and skills, according to needs.

The facility's infection control program should include procedures for:

- identification of the extent of infestation or infection;
- protection of clients;
- treatment of clients;
- notification of family or legal guardian;
- reporting to the health department as indicated; and
- continued follow-up to resolution.

Both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the CDC have specific requirements regarding human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV), TB, and hepatitis precautions. These requirements should be incorporated into the facility's practices when relevant to the clients residing in the facility. Concerns about OSHA violations should be referred to OSHA.