

Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance

Best Practices Spotlight

Dedication and Resilience: Life Care Center's Commitment to Safety and Care in Port Orchard.

Port Orchard, WA – In the scenic Kitsap Peninsula town of Port Orchard, Life Care Center of Port Orchard (LCCPO) emerges as a shining example of dedication to infection prevention and resident safety. As the world continues to grapple with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, LCCPO stands tall as a beacon of excellence, unwavering in its commitment to safeguarding the wellbeing of its residents and staff.

Rooted in the value of wholistic, resident-centered approaches to care, LCCPO has been a cornerstone in the community for years, offering a comprehensive range of services that go beyond traditional long-term care. With a deep-rooted belief in the importance of fostering a loving and caring environment, the facility has earned a reputation for its unparalleled commitment to providing exceptional care to its residents.

Central to LCCPO's outstanding reputation is their strong dedication to infection prevention. At the helm of this crucial effort is their Infection Preventionist (IP), Sharon Harris, who embodies the facility's values through her tireless work. With decades of experience as a registered nurse, Harris brings a wealth of knowledge and a genuine passion for safeguarding the health and safety of residents and staff alike.

Guided by Harris's expertise and leadership, LCCPO has implemented a comprehensive infection prevention program that encompasses a range of measures, from rigorous staff training to meticulous monitoring of protocols. Additionally, LCCPO's internal audit system has further strengthened its infection prevention efforts. Regular audits, conducted with diligent attention to detail, have enabled the facility to maintain exceptional compliance rates.

LCCPO's dedication to infection prevention transcends routine practices, extending to innovative approaches that set new benchmarks for excellence in long-term care. Initiatives such as prioritizing N95 fit testing, inventive rewards for proper personal protective equipment donning and doffing, and their receptive approach to staff feedback have not only ensured compliance but also fostered a sense of unity and shared purpose among the staff.

As the grip of the pandemic gradually loosens its hold, Life Care Center of Port Orchard stands strong in its commitment to infection prevention. Powered by an unyielding dedication and a spirit of innovation, LCCPO continues to raise the standards of resident safety, serving as a shining example of what can be accomplished when challenges are met with passion and creative solutions.

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