



**WARNING SIGNS**    *The following are some signs a resident may have a possible INFECTION.*

- f* Draining or "Stuffy" nose
- f* Change in Behavior, Confusion
- f* Dizziness
- f* Puffy/Red Runny Eyes
- f* Hoarseness, Sore, Scratchy Throat
- f* Cloudy and/or Foul/Thick Urine or Pain/Difficulty urinating
- f* Open, draining areas
- f* Warm, Hot, Flushed skin, Sweaty
- f* General pain, weakness
- f* Complains of not feeling well
- f* Temperature may or may not be up    **Action Steps On Back**



**ACTION STEPS**    *Below is a list of steps a Nurse Assistant can do to help a resident improve.*

- f* Report to the nurse the warning signs you saw
- f* Wash your hands before and after caring for a resident
- f* Avoid direct contact with body fluids containing blood or likelihood of blood, without protection wear gloves
- f* Perform and/or assist resident with good peri-anal care
- f* Provide overall good personal/skin care
- f* Follow Universal Precautions
- f* Encourage and assist resident with consuming fluids and food

8/00 Best Practices



**ACTION STEPS**    *Below is a list of steps other Members of Interdisciplinary Care Team can do to help a resident with an INFECTION improve.*

- f* Perform a thorough assessment (include changes in fluid & food intake)
- f* Contact the attending physician
- f* Implement and follow physician orders
- f* Notify family/responsible party
- f* Inform all staff
- f* Remind all staff to follow correct handwashing procedure
- f* Implement Universal Precautions when appropriate
- f* Update plan of care
- f* Notify physician if condition does not improve



## **ACTION STEPS**

***Below is a list of Universal Precaution steps (as they may apply), facility staff and visitors must follow when issued to prevent the spread of INFECTION.***

- f* Avoid direct exposure to resident's blood, excretions, secretions, mucous membranes and non-intact skin
- f* Avoid needle stick and razor injuries
- f* All items soiled with blood or contaminated materials must be handled as infectious waste
- f* Refer to the facility Infection Control manual for appropriate isolation procedures
- f* Refer to CDC, OSHA, & state guidelines
- f* Report to licensed staff all exposures to blood/body fluids containing blood or the likelihood of blood
- f* Post U.P. signs when & where appropriate

**Action Steps Continued On Back**

### **Handwashing**



**After providing care or touching items contaminated with blood or body fluids**

### **Gloves**



**When exposure to blood or body fluids is planned or anticipated**

### **Gown**



**If soiling of clothing is likely**

### **Mask**



**If splashing of blood or body fluids is likely to nose or mouth**

### **Goggles**



**If splashing of blood or body fluids is likely to the eyes**