

Winter Preparedness – care home

Infection Prevention and Control Service

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IPC Digital Hub



- [Infection Prevention and Control - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust \(wchc.nhs.uk\)](https://wchc.nhs.uk)

A screenshot of the IPC Digital Hub website interface. The header includes the IPC logo and tagline. The main content area welcomes users and provides a link to 'About IPC'. Below this, there are four colored boxes representing different settings: General Practice (blue), Early Years / Education (yellow), Care Settings / Domiciliary Care (orange), and Other (pink). Each box contains a representative image of people in that setting.

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Welcome to the IPC Digital Hub – your one-stop shop for all things infection prevention control.

[About IPC](#)

General Practice

Early Years / Education

Care Settings / Domiciliary Care

Other

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What does this mean to you ?



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Simple Steps to take



Vaccination



IPC fundamentals



Keeping well



Antivirals and eligibility
for COVID-19
treatment



Prompt identification
of outbreaks



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Vaccination

Help to protect you,
your family and the
people you care for

Help to stop diseases
spreading to people who
cannot have vaccines,
such as babies too young
to be vaccinated and
those who are too ill to
be vaccinated

If enough people are
vaccinated, it's harder
for the disease to spread
to those people who
cannot have vaccines



Keeping well



Keeping warm and keeping areas well ventilated



Staying away if unwell- staff, visitors and residents



Keep well hydrated

IPC fundamentals



**Hand
Hygiene**

**Cough
etiquette**

Cleaning

PPE

**Standard IPC
precautions**

**Transmission
based
precautions**

[NHS England » National infection prevention and control manual \(NIPCM\) for England](#)

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Antivirals and eligibility for COVID-19 treatment

- Maintain a central record of all residents' vaccination status and latest kidney function test to support antiviral prescribing in the event of an influenza outbreak
- People who are at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 may be eligible for COVID-19 treatments if they become unwell. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/treatments-for-covid-19/>

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Prompt identification of outbreaks/single cases

- Ensure availability of LFT kits
- Recognise the symptoms of ARI/ILI, Norovirus
- 2 cases linked to time and place – suspect outbreak
- If an outbreak is suspected, you should contact the Community Infection Prevention and Control Team in hours (Monday to Friday 9-5pm) via 0151 604 7750 / ipc.wirralct@nhs.net or UKHSA Health Protection Team out of hours via 03442250562
- Initiate outbreak control measures
- IPCS communicating the latest guidance of management of ARI (available online now)

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Free IPC training on the IPC digital hub



The graphic shows a stylized figure of a person standing and pointing with a stick at a red banner that says 'Free'. To the right of the banner, the words 'IPC TRAINING' are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the figure, there are three smaller, stylized figures of people sitting or standing in a row, representing an audience.

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We offer **free** Infection Prevention and Control training to providers of **Adult Social Care**, Wirral

Visit our **IPC Digital Hub** to find out more

www.wchc.nhs.uk/services/infection-prevention-and-control/

TOPICS OFFERED INCLUDE

- Urinary Tract Infection To Dip Or Not To Dip
- IPC Bitesize Training
- IPC Standard Precautions



Thank you and
any questions

Its only 84
days until
Christmas!!!