



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-20-03 Hand hygiene.

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During the delivery of healthcare, licensees and certificate holders shall follow acceptable and prevailing standard precautions for hand hygiene, including but not limited to the following:

- (A) Appropriate handwashing prior to performing or participating in an exposure-prone activity and after performing or participating in an exposure-prone activity;
 - (B) Washing the hands and other skin surfaces immediately and thoroughly when hands have had contact with mucous membranes, blood or body fluids, secretions or excretions, or after touching contaminated items; and
 - (C) Washing the hands immediately after the gloves are removed; and
 - (D) For the purposes of this chapter, hand washing may include the use of alcohol-based waterless hand sanitizers or other antimicrobial agents. If contact with spores, such as *C. difficile* or *Bacillus anthracis*, has likely occurred, the physical action of washing and rinsing hands with antimicrobial soap and water is the recommended standard precaution.
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