

Infection Prevention Solutions: Prepare, Prevent, Protect

**Skilled Nursing Homes - "Small Group Coaching Workshops"
on "Completing the Annual IPC Program Assessment" Process**

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Comagine Health's State-Based Infection Prevention Program Team in partnership with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services: Healthcare Associated Infections Program

About Comagine Health

Comagine Health is a nonprofit health care consulting organization

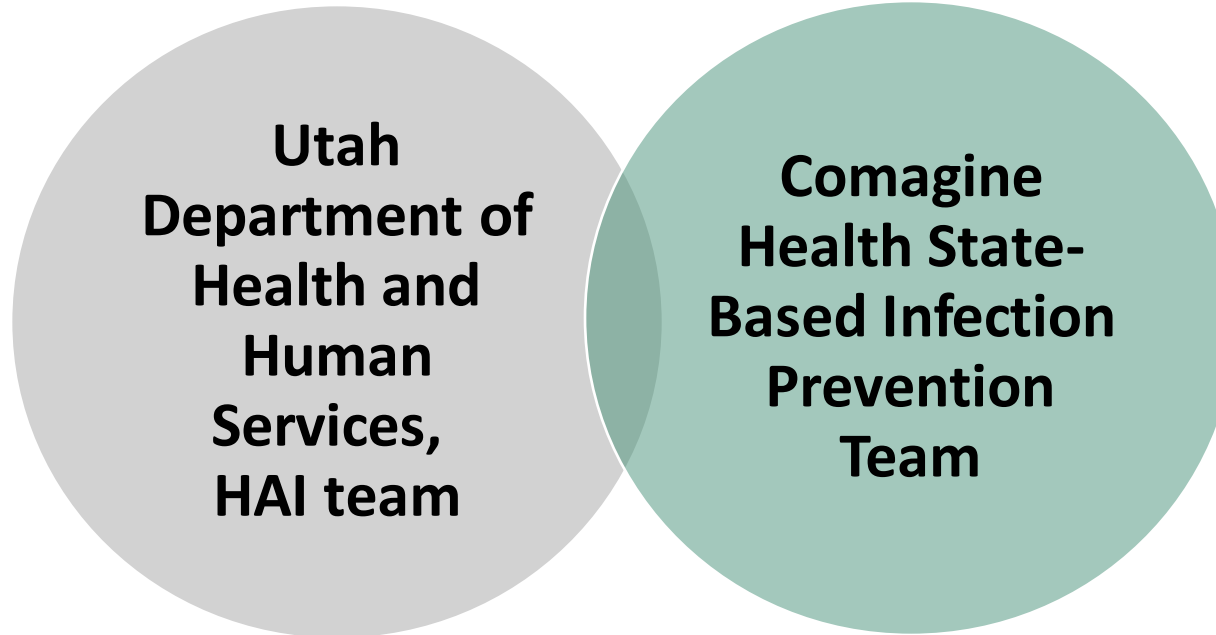
Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) across a six-state region

Work with providers across the spectrum to develop and apply strategies for delivering better care and promote better health at reduced cost

Long history of working with nursing facilities and other long-term residential care settings in Utah



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Our Vision



Assess



Strengthen



Sustain

Welcome to Today's "Small Group" Session!

Our Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Expert:



Debbie Hurst, RN, BSN, CHESP, FAPIC, CIC **IPC Subject Matter Expert**

- Nearly 30 years of specialized health care infection control experience (acute, LTC, ambulatory surgery and clinics)
- Board-certified infection prevention and control (CIC) since 1998; awarded recognition as a Fellow of APIC (FAPIC) in 2017
- Special interests include IPC program development, as well as training and mentoring of IPC staff

Healthcare Infection Prevention-Control Programs: Evolution from Hospitals to Assisted Living...



HOSPITALS

- Began in hospitals in the 1970s
- Evidence based results
- Formal training of staff
- Formal structure, based upon national guidelines and recommendations



NURSING HOMES

- General IC programs began in late 1990s, oversight was included in DON role
- By 2016, CMS "MEGA Rule" went into effect (in 3 waves, to have been fully implemented by 2019)
- Designated, dedicated IP staff with specialized training to coordinated programs



ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES

- 2022: Requirements vary by state, due to COVID-19 impact upon ALF residents, new approach beginning for ALFs
- Designated, trained Infection Prevention Specialists encouraged to be part of ALF team

Foundational Parts of the Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP)



Infection Prevention and Control Program Review

This should be performed annually by the IP/IPS

Scope of IPCP should be driven by size and complexity of resident population

Components include:

- IPCP Annual Program Assessment (gap analysis concept)
- IC Risk Assessment
- Goals for upcoming year based on results,
- Revised surveillance plan based upon results (includes processes and outcomes)
- QAPI: Develop performance improvement projects (PIPs) based on results

Annual IPCP Review Process Includes:

- Annual IPC Program Assessment
- Annual IPC Risk Assessment

Southeastern Regional Medical Center 2011 -2012
Infection Prevention and Control
Risk Assessment

INFECTION EVENT	PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE (How likely is this to occur?)				LEVEL OF HARM FROM EVENT (What would be the most likely?)				IMPACT ON CARE (Will new treatment/care be needed for resident)				READINESS TO PREVENT (Are processes/resources in place)			RISK LEVEL (Scores ≥ 8 are considered high)
	High 3	Med. 2	Low 1	None 0	Serious Harm 3	Moderate Harm 2	Temp. Harm 1	None 0	High 3	Med. 2	Low 1	None 0	Poor 3	Fair 2	Good 1	
Facility-onset Infections(s)																
Device- or care-related																
Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI)																
Central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI)																
Tracheostomy-associated respiratory infection																
Percutaneous-gastrostomy insertion site infection																
Wound infection																
Other (specify):																
Resident-related																
Symptomatic urinary tract infection (SUTI)																
Pneumonia																
Cellulitis/soft tissue																
Clostridioides difficile infection																
Tuberculosis*																
Other (specify):																
Outbreak-related																
Influenza*																
Other viral respiratory pathogens*																
Norovirus gastroenteritis*																
Bacterial gastroenteritis (e.g., Salmonella, Shigella)																
Scabies																
Conjunctivitis																
Group A Streptococcus*																
MDRO																
Other (specify):																

* Risk assessment should take into account the frequency of this disease in the community as part of determining probability of occurrence. Data from State/local health department may be informative.

Date Prepared:

Adapted from <https://spice.unc.edu/resources/template-risk-assessment-for-ltc/>

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Infection Prevention and Control Program Evaluation Tool: Assisted Living Communities (ALC)

This tool is intended to assist LTC facilities (assisted living communities/facilities) in conducting their annual infection prevention and control (IPC) program assessment. The purpose of conducting the annual IPC program assessment is to assess for and identify gaps in the facility's IPC program. By identifying program gaps, facilities will be able to identify opportunities for improvement and apply principles of quality improvement to improve, strengthen and sustain their infection prevention and control programs.

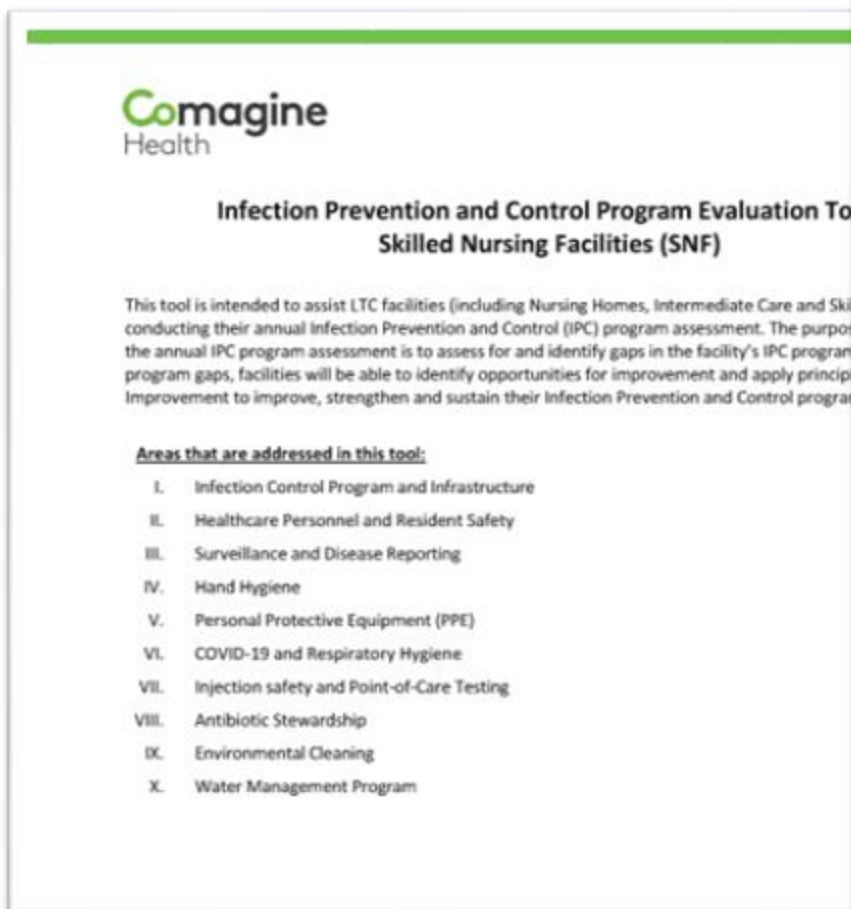
Areas that are addressed in this tool:

1. Infection control program and infrastructure
2. Healthcare personnel and resident safety
3. Surveillance and disease reporting
4. Hand hygiene
5. Personal protective equipment (PPE)
6. Environmental cleaning
7. COVID-19 and respiratory hygiene
8. Point-of-care testing
9. Linen management

Facility Demographics

Facility Name	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Assessment	Click or tap here to enter text.
Type of Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Facility Self-Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Group Assessment: <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> On-site Names of those participating in the assessment: Click or tap here to enter text.
Facility type	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing home <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate care facility <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted living facility <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Click or tap here to enter text.
Number of licensed beds	Click or tap here to enter text.

Our Tool Today



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Infection Prevention and Control Program Evaluation Tool for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

This tool is intended to assist LTC facilities (including Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities) in conducting their annual Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program assessment. The purpose of the annual IPC program assessment is to assess for and identify gaps in the facility's IPC program. Through the assessment, facilities will be able to identify opportunities for improvement and apply principles of improvement to improve, strengthen and sustain their Infection Prevention and Control program.

Areas that are addressed in this tool:

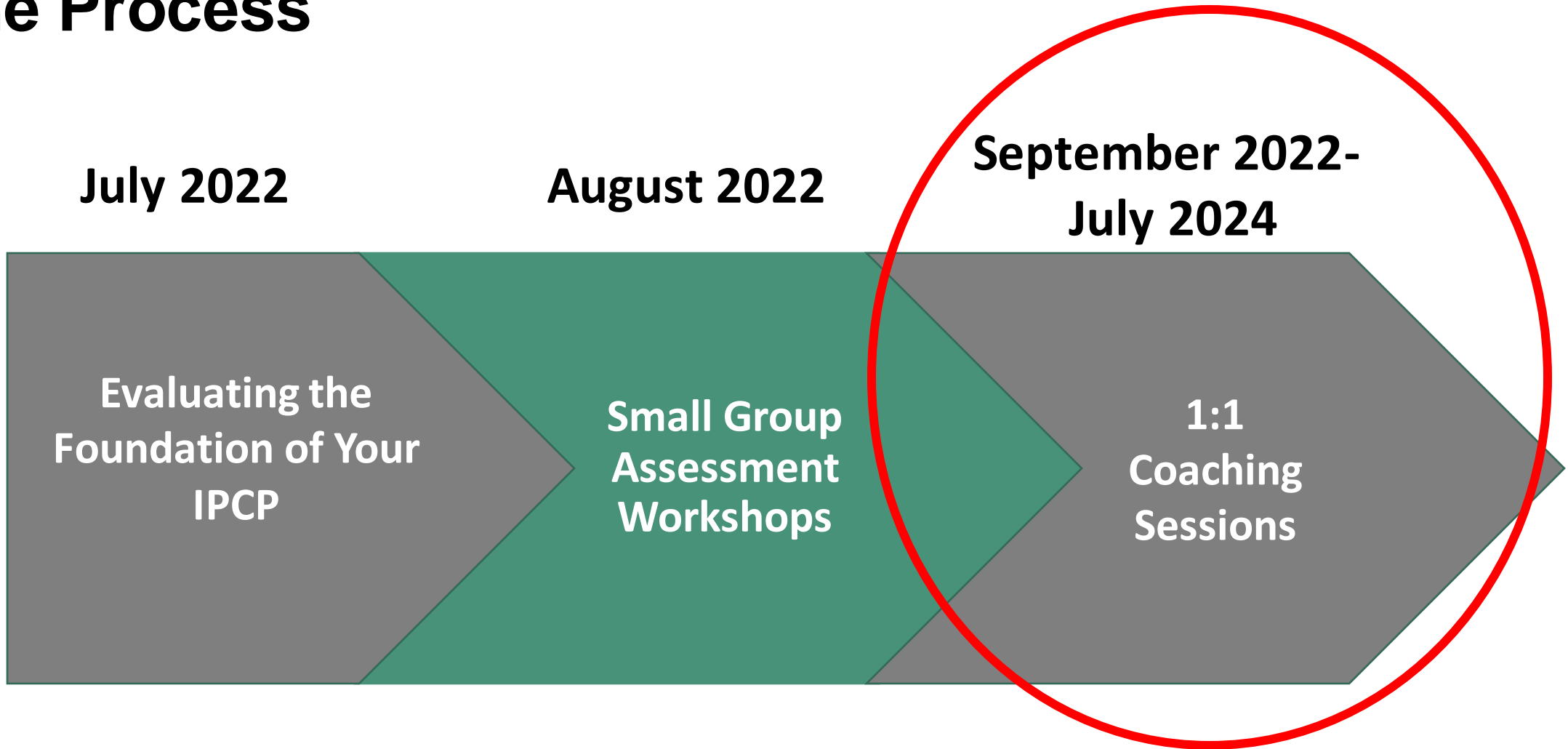
- I. Infection Control Program and Infrastructure
- II. Healthcare Personnel and Resident Safety
- III. Surveillance and Disease Reporting
- IV. Hand Hygiene
- V. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- VI. COVID-19 and Respiratory Hygiene
- VII. Injection safety and Point-of-Care Testing
- VIII. Antibiotic Stewardship
- IX. Environmental Cleaning
- X. Water Management Program

Infection Control Domains			
II. Healthcare Personnel and Resident Safety			
Elements to be assessed	Assessment		Notes/Areas for Improvement
	Yes (✓)	No (✓)	
Healthcare Personnel			
a. The facility has work-exclusion policies concerning avoiding contact with residents when personnel have potentially transmissible conditions.			Click or tap here to enter text.
b. The facility educates personnel on prompt reporting of signs/symptoms of a potentially transmissible illness to a supervisor.			Click or tap here to enter text.
c. The facility has a policy to assess new personnel for baseline TB screening; annual healthcare personnel risk for TB (based on regional, community data) and requires periodic (at least annual) TB screening if indicated.			Click or tap here to enter text.
d. The facility offers Hepatitis B vaccination to all personnel (within 10 days of hire) who may be exposed to blood or body fluids as part of their job duties.			Click or tap here to enter text.
e. The facility offers all personnel influenza vaccination annually.			Click or tap here to enter text.
f. The facility maintains written records of personnel influenza vaccination from the most recent influenza season.			Click or tap here to enter text.
g. Facility offers COVID-19 vaccination or resources for obtaining prior to start date for new employees and as appropriate for boosters for existing staff.			Click or tap here to enter text.

Complete your Annual IPCP Assessments

1. Download the form: [SNF](#)
2. Complete and save your assessment
3. Let us know how we can support

The Process



Coaching and Consultation Framework

- **Register for a Consultation Coaching Session**
- Virtual and on-site 1:1 consultation; tailored to your needs and setting
- Email: infectionpreventionadvisor@comagine.org

Introduction and program assessment

- Working with the LTCF team to assess current IPCP, prioritize need, set calendar for visitation

Identify IPCP strengths and opportunities for improvement

- Evaluate IPC infrastructure, identify opportunities for improvement, including resources and supply needs

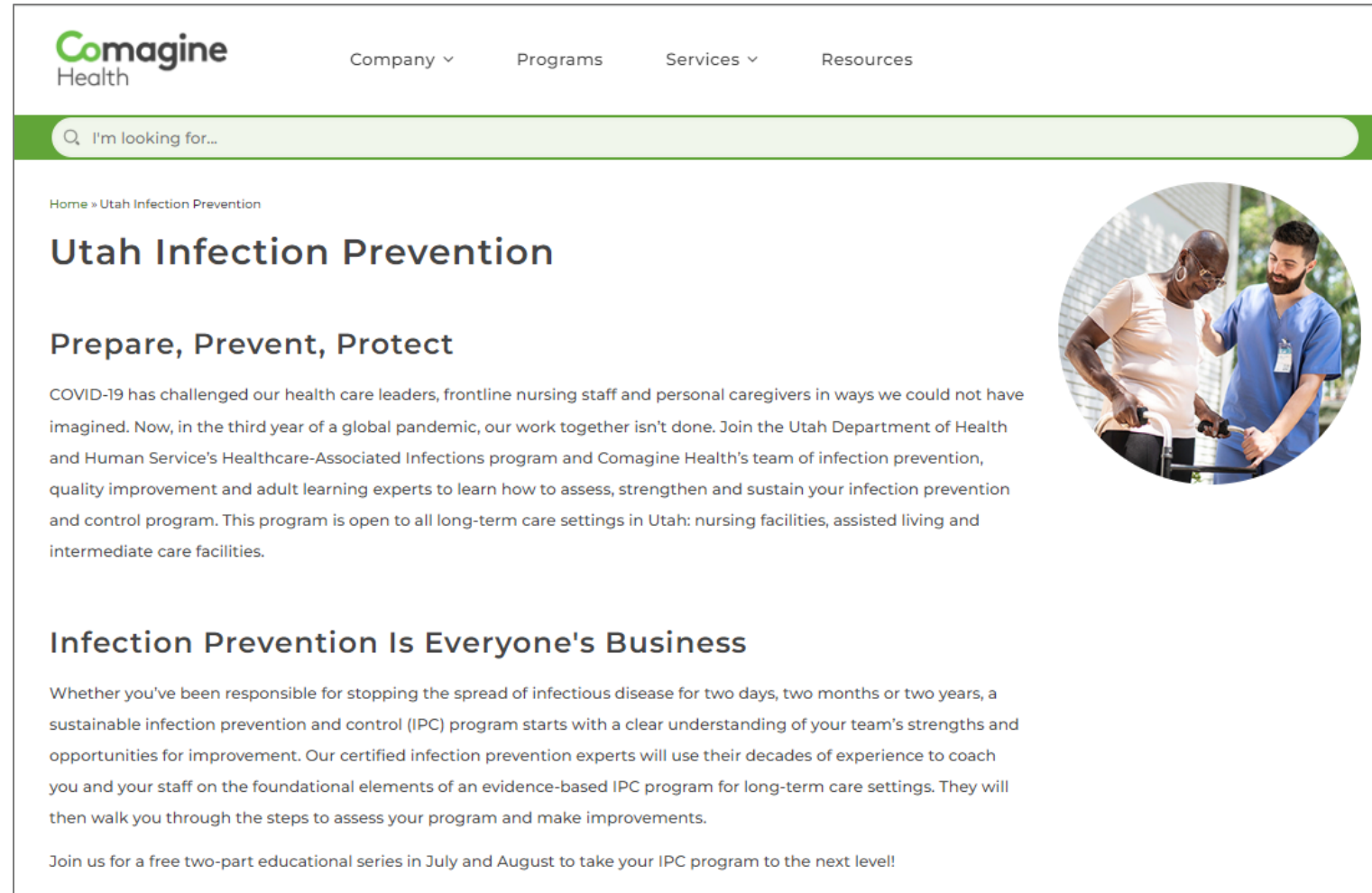
Set improvement goals with LTCF team

- Use basic principles of QA/PI to implement improvement model for LTCF goals

Monitoring and support for LTCF with QA/PI process

- Assess uptake and sustainability of recommendations

Stay in Touch



The screenshot shows the Comagine Health website. At the top left is the Comagine Health logo. To its right are navigation links: Company, Programs, Services, and Resources. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder text "I'm looking for...". The main content area has a breadcrumb trail "Home » Utah Infection Prevention" followed by the title "Utah Infection Prevention". Below the title is the sub-header "Prepare, Prevent, Protect". The main text discusses the challenges of COVID-19 and the partnership between the Utah Department of Health and Comagine Health to improve infection prevention programs in long-term care settings. A circular image on the right shows a healthcare worker in blue scrubs assisting an elderly patient with a walker. Below the main text is another section titled "Infection Prevention Is Everyone's Business" with a paragraph explaining the importance of a sustainable IPC program. At the bottom, there is a call to action for a free educational series in July and August.

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Home » Utah Infection Prevention

Utah Infection Prevention


Prepare, Prevent, Protect

COVID-19 has challenged our health care leaders, frontline nursing staff and personal caregivers in ways we could not have imagined. Now, in the third year of a global pandemic, our work together isn't done. Join the Utah Department of Health and Human Service's Healthcare-Associated Infections program and Comagine Health's team of infection prevention, quality improvement and adult learning experts to learn how to assess, strengthen and sustain your infection prevention and control program. This program is open to all long-term care settings in Utah: nursing facilities, assisted living and intermediate care facilities.

Infection Prevention Is Everyone's Business

Whether you've been responsible for stopping the spread of infectious disease for two days, two months or two years, a sustainable infection prevention and control (IPC) program starts with a clear understanding of your team's strengths and opportunities for improvement. Our certified infection prevention experts will use their decades of experience to coach you and your staff on the foundational elements of an evidence-based IPC program for long-term care settings. They will then walk you through the steps to assess your program and make improvements.

Join us for a free two-part educational series in July and August to take your IPC program to the next level!



Visit us at:

<https://comagine.org/program/utah-infection-prevention>

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