

INFECTION CONTROL

Every in-home provider has an infection control policy. When an employee has a serious infection that may be contagious, the employee should be excluded from patient care duties to prevent the spread of infection to clients.

The nurse/supervisor should be notified anytime the following are present:

1. Temperature greater than 101° Fahrenheit (F)
2. Nausea/vomiting
3. Productive cough
4. Diarrhea
5. Sore throat
6. Chills
7. Skin eruption/rash
8. Draining wound that cannot be covered
9. Known exposure to an infectious disease that could be transmitted during the incubation period
10. Known infectious disease
11. Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

It is important that the In-Home Aide be familiar with the in-home provider policy regarding employee illnesses and follows it.