

Infection Prevention and Control

Free eLearning

The Department of Health has developed a free, online learning package that introduces the elements of infection prevention and control (IPC) and practical steps you can take to be safe and keep others safe from COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

The IPC eLearning package is available to everyone but is especially helpful for people working in non-clinical roles within public and community health, aged care, disability and in education and industry.

The training includes six modules that cover key IPC concepts:

- chain of infection
- hand hygiene
- personal protective equipment
- cleaning
- waste disposal
- working in an outbreak

Why is infection prevention and control important?

Implementing effective IPC is critical for preventing and containing transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. We know that simple steps, done properly, have a big impact. This is especially important for those working with vulnerable people.

Who developed the eLearning package?

The package has been developed by the Victorian Department of Health's IPC experts and educators. It extends on IPC training delivered during the COVID-19 pandemic for a range of sectors including aged care, disability and education.

The IPC eLearning package was developed in partnership with VICNISS, one of Australia's leading organisations responsible for conducting infection surveillance, prevention and control in acute and aged care.

How long does the learning take to complete?

You can complete the learning at your own pace. Each of the six modules takes around 10 minutes, so you can complete the entire package in about an hour.

Do I need to complete all six modules?

You can choose the modules that apply to your circumstances. However, to fully understand the core elements of IPC, we recommend you complete all six modules. Come back at a later time, as often as you like, if you want to do another module or refresh your knowledge.

When is IPC eLearning available?

The package is now available on the VICNISS website.

Do I need a desktop computer to do the training?

IPC eLearning can be accessed on any computer or mobile device with a reliable internet connection.

Can I share the IPC eLearning resources with others?

We encourage you to share this information to other people in your networks, especially if you live or work with vulnerable people.

Will IPC eLearning offer me a specific capability or certification?

The learning is general in nature and does not offer a formal capability or qualification. Once complete, you will be able to print a certificate of completion, which you may wish to share with your employer, if applicable. You should check with your employer if you need to access a formal IPC qualification.

Can anyone access IPC eLearning?

The eLearning package is free and open to anyone that wants to improve their knowledge of IPC concepts.

How long will the IPC eLearning be available?

IPC eLearning is scheduled to be available until the end of 2023.

How can I access the training?

Visit the VICNISS website:

www.vicniss.org.au/resources/ipc-elearning-modules

More information

Email at **COVID19InfectionControl@health.vic.gov.au**

