

HAND HYGIENE UPDATE

May 2024

Where are we at?

- Quarterly hand hygiene auditing continues to be the recommendation for Facility and Community program settings.
- Phase 2 roll out for HandyAudit into community program settings has been paused. Paper based auditing continues.
- The PMH HandyAudit© Steering Committee would like to announce that PMH will now follow the same HandyAudit© classifications as the rest of the province. The term Regional Audit Champion (RAC) will no longer be used. RAC will now be referred to as Local Audit Champion (LAC). All auditors previously designated as LACs will now be referred to as Auditors. Visit the [Hand Hygiene Shared Page](#) for the most up to date information including:
 - ✓ PMH3587 HandyAudit© Training Resource (for Local Audit Champions [LAC])
 - ✓ PMH3588 How to Become a HandyAudit© Auditor

Find your most recent facility/unit/program Hand Hygiene rates by going to the PMH Intranet » Programs & Services » Hand Hygiene » Auditing Results

Post your Hand Hygiene rates for Clients/Families/Visitors (use PMH2945)

Reminder for staff/sites to complete improvement plans (PMH3289) if hand hygiene rate is <80%

New! A PMH dashboard will soon be released that will show all hand hygiene rates. Stay tuned for details

QUESTIONS ABOUT HAND HYGIENE AUDITING?

Do you have questions about:

- ✓ How to become a Hand Hygiene Auditor?
- ✓ Where to access Hand Hygiene Rates?
- ✓ Hand Hygiene Improvement Plans?
- ✓ Trouble Shooting HandyAudit?
- ✓ How many observed opportunities your facility/unit has submitted?

Email:

handhygiene@pmh-mb.ca

HANDYAUDIT TIPS

- Remember to sync your data once you are finished your auditing session! Don't wait until the next day/week to sync the data.
- Use the 'Site Level – Hand Hygiene Audit Tracking Tool' to keep track of how many observed opportunities have been completed each quarter. Access it by going to PMH Intranet – Hand Hygiene Shared Page – HandyAudit Electronic Auditing – Getting Started/Auditor Training.
- Did you know that hand hygiene auditing should be increased during an outbreak? Any opportunities collected during an outbreak do not count towards your quarterly auditing targets.
- Remember for those units that are combined with others for auditing purposes – collect opportunities equitably from each unit/department. Record the unit being audited within the comment box.

CURRENT STATE OF HAND HYGIENE AUDITING PROCESSES IN PMH

	Auditing Platform	Who performs Audits	Auditing Targets	Questions/Concerns?
Acute Care Facilities	HandyAudit	Trained Auditors and Trained Local Audit Champions	As per Hand Hygiene Auditing Quarterly Targets (PMH 3170)	Contact your Local Audit Champion
Personal Care Home				
Transitional Care Units				
Community Programs*	Paper based (PMH2275)	Trained/designated auditor	As per Hand Hygiene Auditing Quarterly Targets (PMH 3170)	Email: handhygiene@pmh-mb.ca
Areas within Acute Care Facilities where HandyAudit has not been implemented**	Paper based (PMH2275)	Trained/designated auditor	As per Hand Hygiene Auditing Quarterly Targets (PMH 3170)	Email: handhygiene@pmh-mb.ca

*Community Programs - Home Care, Public Health, Primary Health Care, EMS, Community Addiction Services, Community Mental Health

**Acute Care units pending implementation of HandyAudit: Hemo, Lab/Diagnostics, Therapies