

NURSING HOMES INVASIVE GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS RESPONSE INFORMATION

Responding to a patient/resident positive for invasive Group A Streptococcus (GAS) can be difficult to navigate in a healthcare setting. The Maine CDC Healthcare Epidemiology Program has compiled this reference document to help guide your initial response.

The Maine CDC must be notified of any recognition or strong suspicion of invasive GAS infection **within 48 hours at 1-800-821-5821**.

Just 1 case of invasive GAS in a facility warrants an epidemiological investigation by infection prevention and control personnel.

Effective and efficient invasive GAS investigations can help prevent additional cases and subsequent outbreaks.

Knowing where and what the most current guidelines are for investigation of a invasive GAS case can decrease the spread of disease and save lives.

1 U.S. CDC GAS LTCF Guidelines

This toolkit allows the infection preventionist to select the specific intervention strategy based on the current case number. It contains investigation strategies, current antibiotic recommendations, etc.

<https://www.cdc.gov/groupastrep/outbreaks/LTCF/investigate.html>

2 U.S. CDC GAS Investigation Toolkit

This reference contains all of the guidance for a GAS investigation within a LTCF in a printable format. Currently comprising 6 pages it breaks down the investigation by case number and reviews the current antibiotic treatment recommendations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/groupastrep/downloads/ltcf-decision-tool-508.pdf>

3 U.S. CDC GAS Healthcare Workers (HCWs) Guidance

This website reviews the updated guidance on work restrictions for HCWs who have been exposed, and what steps to take with a suspected or infected HCW that the infection preventionist will need.

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/healthcare-personnel/selected-infections/group-a-strep.html#>

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