The Infection Control Program at the SYSC shall facilitate the implementation and coordination of all infection control activities for the purpose of detecting, controlling, and preventing infections. The program shall focus on the continuous improvement of appropriate and quality care to residents by reducing infections and their causes as well as the promotion of safety practices for employees, volunteers, and visitors.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the SYSC Infection Control Program.

**Procedure**

I. **Infection Control Program**

   A. The Infection Control Nurses working under the supervision of the Manager of Health Services shall be responsible for the ongoing development and implementation of all aspects of the Infection Control Program, including, but not limited to, the following:

   1. Consultation on and development of written infection control policies and procedures.
   2. Collection of data, maintenance of files, and development of reporting systems.
   3. Ongoing training of employees on infection and other pertinent topics.
   4. Development of plans to correct identified problems and a mechanism for communicating the results to the Health Authority, the Commissioner, and other appropriate personnel.
   5. Coordination of employee health activities encompassing the following:
      (a) Pre-employment requirements.
      (b) Training modules.
      (c) Hepatitis Vaccines.
      (d) Follow-up on post-exposure prophylaxis.
6. Serve as a consultant for environmental, laundry, and waste management services in regard to compliance with state public health requirements.

7. One nurse shall serve as a member of the New Hampshire Infection Control and Epidemiology Professionals.