



Nursing Care Centers Tip Sheet: Water Management Program Requirements

The Joint Commission is implementing [new requirements](#) related to water management programs that address *Legionella* and other waterborne pathogens for nursing care centers (NCC), effective January 1, 2022.

Here are a few tips to help your NCC meet the new requirements:

- Connect with your state's [Healthcare-Associated Infection \(HAI\) Coordinator](#) to learn more about local HAI prevention activities, including those related to water management.
- Review and use the following resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to educate yourself about water management, including how to create a water management program and conduct a water-related risk assessment:
 - o [Water Management in Healthcare Facilities](#)
 - o [Reduce Risk from Water](#)
 - o [Developing a Water Management Program to Reduce *Legionella* Growth and Spread in Buildings](#)
 - o [Water Infection Control Risk Assessment \(WICRA\) for Healthcare Settings](#)
- Reach out to a water management professional or the facilities and infection prevention and control staff at your closest acute care hospital for assistance in planning and implementing a water management plan.

The Joint Commission is here to support NCCs as you incorporate the new requirements.

Questions? Please [contact](#) the Standards Interpretation Group.