



Advocacy for the inclusion of IPC in the Australian Centre Disease Control

**ACIPC Position Statement Presented
by Board Directors**



ACIPC acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people as the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia and respects their continuing connection to culture, land, waterways, community, and family.



About ACIPC



ACIPC
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Our **Mission** is advancing infection prevention and control across Australasia.

Our **Vision** is to reduce the burden of infection.

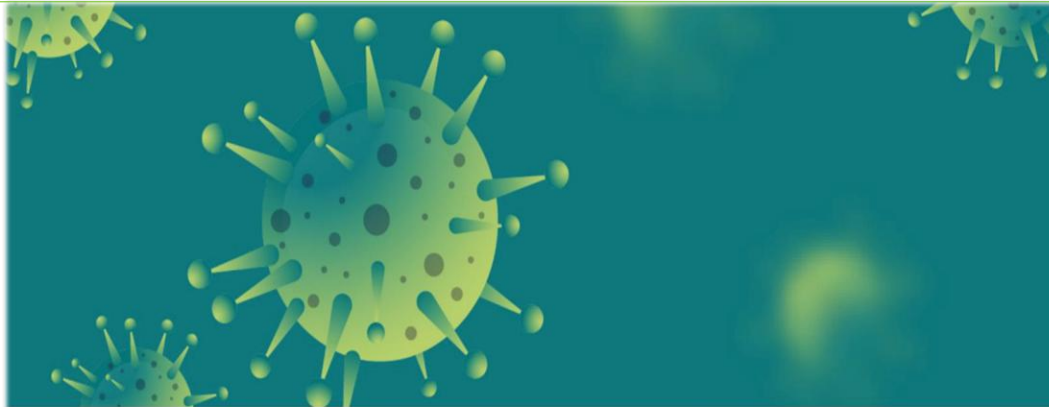
Our **Values** are *Integrity, Openness, Ethics and Collegiality.*



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Background: ECDC and the US CDC



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The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the critical leadership of IPC professionals in the outbreak response

- Exposed gaps within:



COMMUNITY



HEALTHCARE
SECTORS



NATIONAL PANDEMIC
RESPONSE



Australian
Centre for
Disease
Control





- **Interim Australian CDC**

- Formed January 2024
 - One Health unit
 - People, animals and the environment
 - Health Security Unit
 - Public health threats

- **Australian CDC**

- Expected to launch in January 2026
- Functions will expand over time, including:
 - Communicable disease surveillance
 - Biosecurity and health protection



Achievements of the first year of the interim Australian Centre for Disease Control

The interim Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) was established on 1 January 2024 as the first step in the Government's phased establishment of an Australian CDC. In the first year of the interim CDC, we have delivered work to improve the health of Australians and strengthen preparedness to respond to future health emergencies, including:



Launched the **Australian National Surveillance Plan for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV** and delivered fortnightly reporting on rates of these respiratory diseases.



Supported Australia's **preparedness for a possible outbreak of the H5N1 strain of avian influenza**, contributing to a whole-of-government One Health approach.



Delivered the **Ninth National HIV Strategy 2024-2030** to guide Australia's path to eliminate HIV.



Launched the **BeforePlay STI** campaign, the first national STI campaign in many years, to promote safe sex.



Launched the **National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry** to inform policies and actions to reduce occupational diseases.



Developing the **National Immunisation Strategy 2025-2030**, the Strategy is expected to be released in early 2025.



Held and participated in **national preparedness exercises** for complex, compounding crises with health consequences.

Proposed Structure as outlined by the CDC



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Items considered priority for inclusion in the A CDC are:



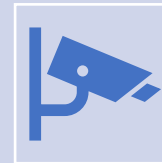
Monitoring AMR
AURA program



Establishing the One
Health Unit



Establishing the Health
Security Unit



Scoping a National
Public Health
Surveillance System



ACSQHC manages and maintains the IPC advisory committee

ACSQHC leads and coordinates key improvements in safety and quality in healthcare

NSQHS Preventing and Controlling Infections Standard



ACIPC position statement Gaps in IPC representation



A National Approach to IPC

Framework for IPC programs

Standardised IPC guidelines



National IPC Surveillance program



Safer Air standards

ACIPC advocates for IPC inclusion



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Communication with Government



Response to Commonwealth Government COVID-19 Response Inquiry



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Opportunity for the Australian CDC



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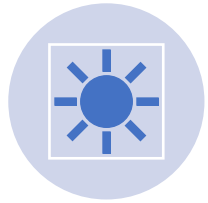
Specialisation in IPC



National Frameworks



National IPC
Surveillance Program



Safer indoor air



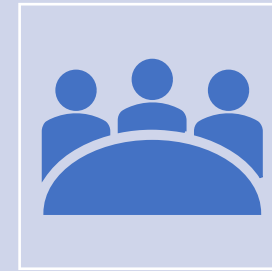
Enhanced
preparedness and
response capability



What we are doing now



Continue to advocate for IPC



Partnering with other
organisations





What else could ACIPC do to advocate for the inclusion of IPC in the Australian CDC



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