

15A NCAC 18A .1621 EMPLOYEES

(a) Residential care facility employees shall wash their hands as required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule using the handwashing method required for food employees in Part 2-301.12 of the Food Code incorporated by reference at 15A NCAC 18A .2650 as amended by 15A NCAC 18A .2652.

(b) Residential care facility employees shall wash their hands immediately:

- (1) before beginning work;
- (2) before preparing food;
- (3) after each visit to the toilet;
- (4) before and after resident contact;
- (5) after coughing, sneezing, or using a handkerchief or disposable tissue; and
- (6) after using tobacco, eating, or drinking.

(c) Residential care facility employees shall comply with the requirements for exclusion from work and restriction due to communicable disease or illness required for food employees as set forth in Parts 2-201.12 and 2-201.13 of the Food Code incorporated by reference at 15A NCAC 18A .2650 as amended by 15A NCAC 18A .2652.

(d) The residential care facility shall have gloves, personal protective equipment, disinfectant, individual disposable towels, and a coagulating agent on-site for employees to use and a written procedure for employees to follow when responding to vomitus or fecal matter on facility surfaces. The procedure shall specify the actions that employees shall take to minimize the exposure of employees, residents, guests, food, and additional surfaces to vomitus or fecal matter.

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