

# Hand Hygiene Compliance Rates



Due to its importance to patient safety, Hand Hygiene Compliance is tracked very closely at RMH. According to the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI), in Canada, healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) affect more than 220,000 people every year and kill 8,000 – 12,000. Hands are the most common means of microbial spread in healthcare. Thus, hand hygiene remains the primary means to reduce HCAIs and the spread of antimicrobial resistant organisms. It is crucial for health care workers, patients, families and visitors present in the health care environment to be diligent in performing hand hygiene.

**Hand Hygiene Rates Prior to and After Patient/Patient Environment Contact**

