

Introduction

This *Infection Control and Safety Standard of Practice* outlines expectations for registrants to ensure a standard of care that includes infection control and health and safety for themselves and their clients.

Standard

College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba (CASLPM) registrants practice in compliance with current infection prevention and control measures based on evidence-informed practice, public health guidelines, employer policies, and CASLPM directives. Registrants are accountable to protect their own health and safety, and the health and safety of clients, staff, and the public.

Demonstrating the Standard

Registrants will:

- Adhere to occupational health and safety legislation, as well as employer policies and procedures to safeguard the health and safety of themselves, clients, colleagues, and the broader community.
- Comply with public health directives and protection measures issued by federal or provincial authorities.
- Engage in ongoing training and remain current with evidence-based infection prevention protocols and safe work practices.
- Apply knowledge, skills, and judgment to conduct continuous point-of-care assessments, and to monitor and manage potential or actual infection and safety risks.
- Consistently implement routine precautions and infection control measures in daily practice, including the appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE), hand and respiratory hygiene, and the cleaning and sterilization of instruments and surfaces. Additional precautions must be applied as necessary, based on the practice setting, procedures performed, client health status, and external factors such as outbreaks or pandemics.
- Promote awareness and advocate for best practices in infection control and workplace safety.
- Ensure equipment calibration, inspection, and maintenance are completed in accordance with the applicable legislation, infection prevention and control standards, and manufacturers' recommendations.