

# INFECTION CONTROL: When You Absolutely Don't Want to "Go Viral"



*In more practices than we may care to admit, sterilization procedures are not always aligned with current recommendations. There have been cases throughout the United States in which inadequate infection control practices have led to the spread of hepatitis, HIV, and antibiotic-resistant bacteria, to name a few.*

To ensure our patients aren't exposed to viruses, bacteria, and protozoa, dental professionals need to understand more than what to do and what not to do; they also need to understand why. In this lively, engaging course, Katrina Sanders, RDH, M.Ed. takes participants on a historical journey of social norms which lead to infectious diseases. We'll trace the evolution and spread of disease from patient zero outward, showing the microbiological, immunological, and human impacts of the chain of infection. Examine the infection control process and its application in ensuring the practice is up to date with current recommendations. A review of case studies will bring to life real-world infection control breaches. Each member of the team will understand their role in keeping patients safe through compliance with standard precautions.

**This is not your grandma's infection control lecture!**

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## Learning Objectives:

- Understand the infectious disease process as it relates to dental professionals
- Explore infectious diseases that are easily contracted
- Evaluate behaviors that promote the spread of infection
- Gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for why infection control is imperative today
- Describe the role that the immune system plays in fighting the spread of infection

## SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Dentists and Team

## SUGGESTED FORMATS:

Half Day

***Are you located in California?***  
This course will satisfy Section 1005 of the DHCC catalog.

