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“The Heart of Excellence”

Infection Prevention & Control

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2025 A Year in Review

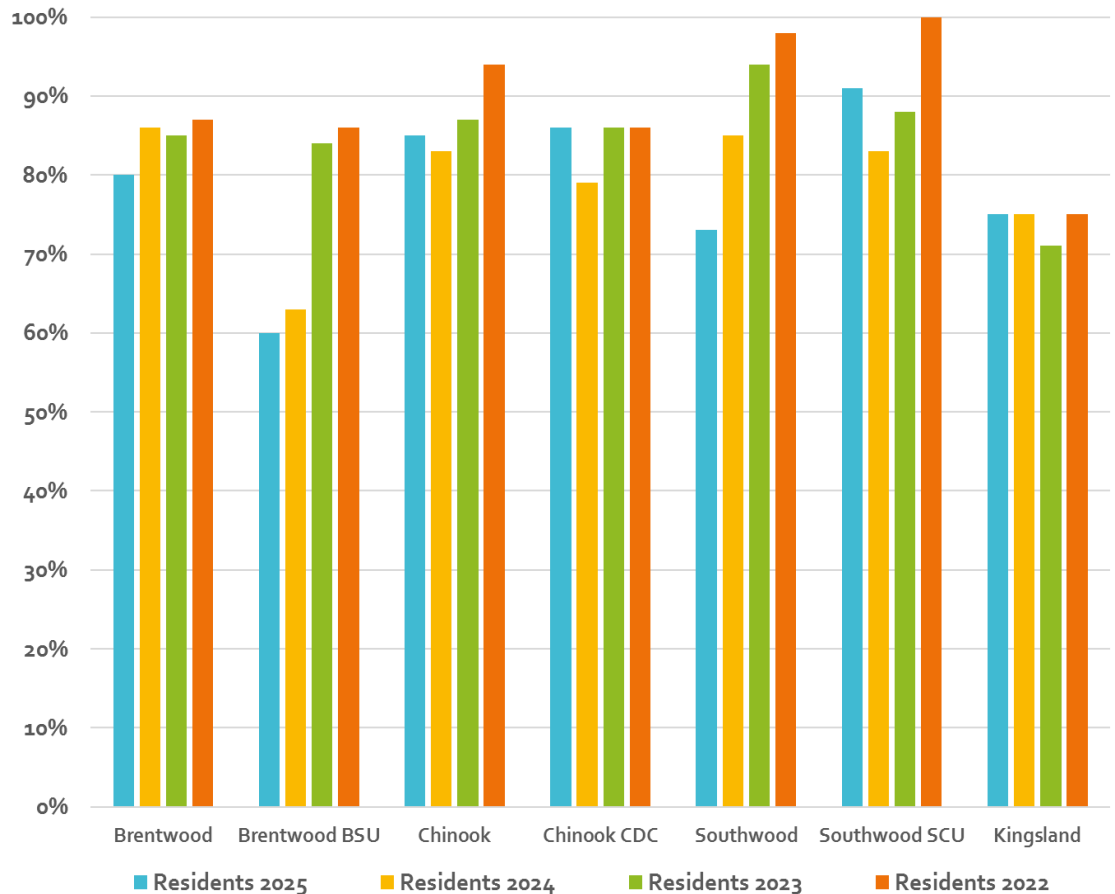
In accordance with national and provincial standards, Intercare closely monitors and reports on key quality indicators throughout the year. These metrics help measure the effectiveness and safety of care and support our commitment to continuous improvement.

Intercare has seen an overall decrease in the number of residents getting vaccinated for influenza and Covid-19. Annual influenza vaccination continues to be the most effective way to prevent the flu. Influenza vaccination significantly reduces the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death.

Recommended for everyone aged six (6) months and older, the influence vaccination is crucial for protecting ‘high-risk’ individuals (seniors, pregnant women and those with chronic conditions) and reducing transmission within communities.

Staff vaccination rates for Intercare in 2025 were 100%; ‘medical exemption’ is the only valid exception for staff non-vaccination.

In 2026, Intercare’s goal will be to continue encouraging vaccination and improve vaccination rates.



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- ◆ The **urinary tract infection rate** benchmark of one percent (1%) will continue into 2026 for all Intercare sites. Overall, the infection rates have improved in 2025 from the previous year.
- ◆ Intercare continues to work with Attending Physicians, residents and their families advocating for responsible ‘**antibiotic stewardship**’.
- ◆ **Respiratory infections** have continued to decrease overall in 2025. In Alberta, 2025 was a very active Influenza season with many outbreaks in Long Term Care (LTC) homes.
- ◆ In 2025, Intercare’s resident **Influenza and Covid-19 vaccination rates** decreased which lead to more risk of infection for residents. Efforts to improve vaccination rates in 2026 will remain a high priority.

