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 To: All Staff
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 Subject: Hygiene Standards

Attention hospital staff: The flu season is approaching. I want to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining strict hygiene standards. **Contagious** new **virus** strains and drug-resistant **bacteria** cause problems every year. I do not want that happening here.

Regular hand washing with **antimicrobial** soap is imperative. All surfaces must be cleaned with **disinfectant** according to the maintenance schedule. We must always store **antibiotic** drugs in the proper cabinets. **Biohazards** should be mindfully disposed of.

Should drug resistant flu strains appear, we must **quarantine** all infected persons. To avoid **transmitting** further **infections**, no one will be allowed in quarantine areas without a **facemask**.

Thank you for your help,
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 Hospital Director

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 Why is cleanliness important in a hospital?
- 2 What are some ways to prevent infections?

Reading

2 Read the email on hygiene standards. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the email?
 - A to promote the use of antibiotic drugs
 - B to limit the use of antimicrobial soap
 - C to remind the staff about hygiene standards
 - D to announce a new maintenance schedule
- 2 Which of the following is NOT recommended by the director?
 - A hand washing with antimicrobial soap
 - B quarantining infected individuals
 - C storing biohazards in proper cabinets
 - D cleaning surfaces with disinfectant
- 3 What is required to enter quarantine areas?
 - A a facemask
 - B antimicrobial soap
 - C disinfectant
 - D antibiotic drugs

DANGER

biohazard



virus



Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

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| 1 ___ infection | 5 ___ transmit |
| 2 ___ facemask | 6 ___ antibiotic |
| 3 ___ quarantine | 7 ___ contagious |
| 4 ___ bacteria | |

- A to relay an illness from one person to another
- B single celled organisms responsible for many human infections
- C a manifestation of parasitic micro-organisms in the body
- D a covering worn over the mouth and nose
- E to isolate an individual to prevent transmission of microbes
- F something that kills bacteria in the body
- G moving easily from one person to another