



## WHO Infection Prevention and Control Global Webinar

Please join us

5 May 2025, 13:30-3:00 pm CET

**World Hand Hygiene Day, 5 May 2025**  
*It might be gloves. It's always hand hygiene*



For 16 years, the World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) aims to maintain a global profile on the importance of hand hygiene in health care and to bring people together in support of hand hygiene improvement globally. In 2025, the WHHD coincides with the need for countries to rapidly consider implementation of the WHO [global action plan and monitoring framework on infection prevention and control \(IPC\)](#), adopted by the World Health Assembly in 2024, and the need to continue to improve IPC as demonstrated in the latest [WHO IPC global report](#). According to the WHO global monitoring framework, by 2026, hand hygiene compliance monitoring and feedback should be established as a key national indicator, at the very least in all reference hospitals. Currently 68% of countries report they are doing this.

Additionally, the [WHO Framework for Action 2024-2030](#) on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), waste and electricity services in health care facilities, highlights the need for universal safe access to ensure quality of care (linked to climate and health), including by integrating WASH and waste requirements into health system planning, programming, financing, implementation and monitoring, which can in part be supported by IPC efforts.

Therefore, it is recognized that at this time countries and health care facilities should continue to highly prioritize optimal hand hygiene practices (using the appropriate technique and according to the WHO 5 Moments) alongside appropriate glove use, including through greater awareness and supported by IPC practitioners as part of an IPC team and programme.

### Objectives of the webinar:

- **To highlight the IPC situation globally including the need for investment cases, and the impact of optimal hand hygiene practices** (using the appropriate technique and according to the WHO 5 Moments)
- **To highlight the need for on-going promotion of appropriate glove use**, alongside hand hygiene action.
- **To raise awareness of the environmental and climate impact of gloves** on waste generation and management.
- **To outline the role of hand hygiene within national IPC strategies**, as well as **standard operating procedures (SOPs) at facility level**, according to the recommendations of the WHO global action plan and monitoring framework 2024-2030 and **highlight a new WHO guide to implementation**.
- **To showcase how the WHHD plays a role** in bringing people together and raising the profile of IPC improvement as one part of IPC national and health facility programmes.

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## Agenda

Time (CET)	Topic	Speaker
13:30 pm	Welcome	Paul Rogers Program Manager, WHO HQ
13:33 pm	WHO opening remarks	Rudi Eggers, Director, Integrated Health Services, WHO HQ
13:36 pm	Introducing: It might be gloves. It's always hand hygiene – a new short video	
13:40 pm	Optimising advocacy and action going forward – use of WHO resources	Claire Kilpatrick, IPC Consultant, WHO HQ
13:50 pm	The IPC situation globally and the need for investment	Benedetta Allegranzi Director, Communicable Diseases, WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
14:05	Call to action on hand hygiene in the context of mpox	Nosheen Usman, Technical Officer, WHO HQ
14:10 pm	Disposable medical gloves in the healthcare sector – indication matters – a 2024 commentary	Simone Scheithauer Institute for Hygiene and Infection Germany
14:25 pm	The environmental and climate impact of gloves on waste generation and management	Maggie Montgomery, Technical Officer, WHO HQ
14:35 pm	Improving hand hygiene – the campaigning and the work continues in countries <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Behaviour change amongst midwives in Cambodia</li><li>2) Strengthening hand hygiene practices after glove use in an ICU setting</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Sophie Chat, Country Director, WaterAid Cambodia</li><li>2) Dr. Mauro Orsini Brignole, Professional Unit of the Prevention and Control of Healthcare-Associated Infections Program, Ministry of Health, Chile</li></ol>

	3) Qatar's strategy for WHHD: From awareness to action, inspiring cultural change	3) Dhouha Ammar Hamdani, Lead of National Program for Infection Prevention and Control, Ministry of Public Health, State of Qatar
14:55 pm	Closing remarks	Mandy Deeves, Technical Officer, WHO HQ