

## **HAND CLEANSER (ANTISEPTIC)**

### **PURPOSE:**

1. To cleanse the hands between resident contacts during medication administration.
2. To prevent spread of infection.

NOTE: THIS PROCEDURE IS TO BE USED WHEN HAND WASHING FACILITIES ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE. HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED WITH SOAP AND WATER AFTER DIRECT RESIDENT CONTACT. EXAMPLE: Administration of eye drops, ear drops, nose drops, positioning resident with direct contact.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Antiseptic cleanser such as alcohol gel or solution in pump container or “squeeze” bottle per facility policy.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Place the container of antiseptic solution on the medication cart or in a secure area not accessible to residents.
2. Wash and dry hands thoroughly in preparation for medication administration.
3. Administer medication or provide care to resident as ordered.
4. Apply approximately 1 to 3 cc's of antiseptic cleanser into the palm of the hand.
5. Rub hands briskly until cleanser has evaporated.