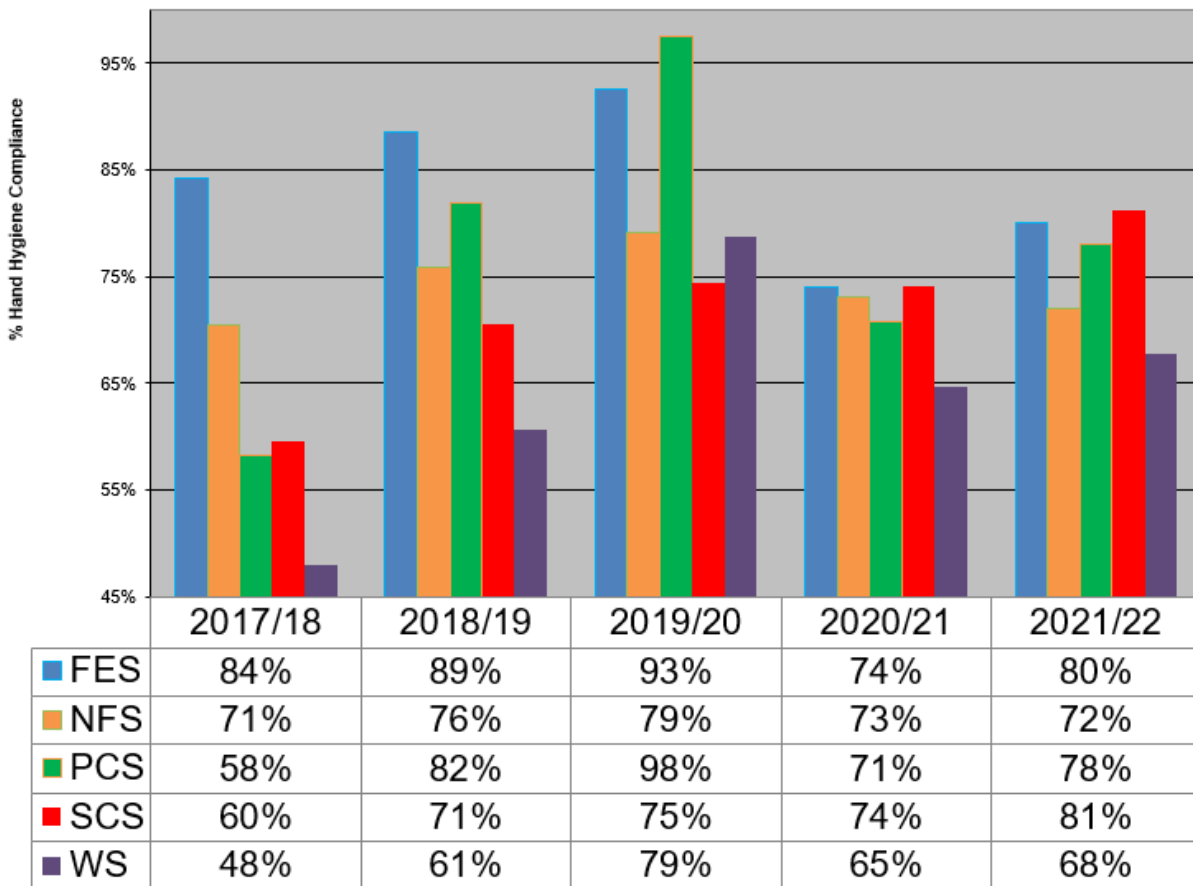


## Hand Hygiene

The single most effective way of reducing the spread of infections is through the appropriate use of alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. Niagara Health has implemented a multi-faceted hand hygiene program which aims to improve hand hygiene compliance to patient safety. This program includes hand hygiene education for healthcare providers, physician, volunteers, patients and family/visitors using various methods including oral presentations, return demonstrations, brochures and fact sheets and visual reminders. Niagara Health also evaluates compliance with hand hygiene through direct observation of healthcare providers, physicians and volunteers.

Below are the results of hand hygiene compliance before and after patient/patient environment contact.

**NH Hand Hygiene Compliance**  
**Percentage Compliance Before Initial Patient/Patient Environment Contact**  
**April 2017 - March 2022**



**NH Hand Hygiene Compliance**  
**Percentage Compliance After Initial Patient/Patient Environment Contact**  
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