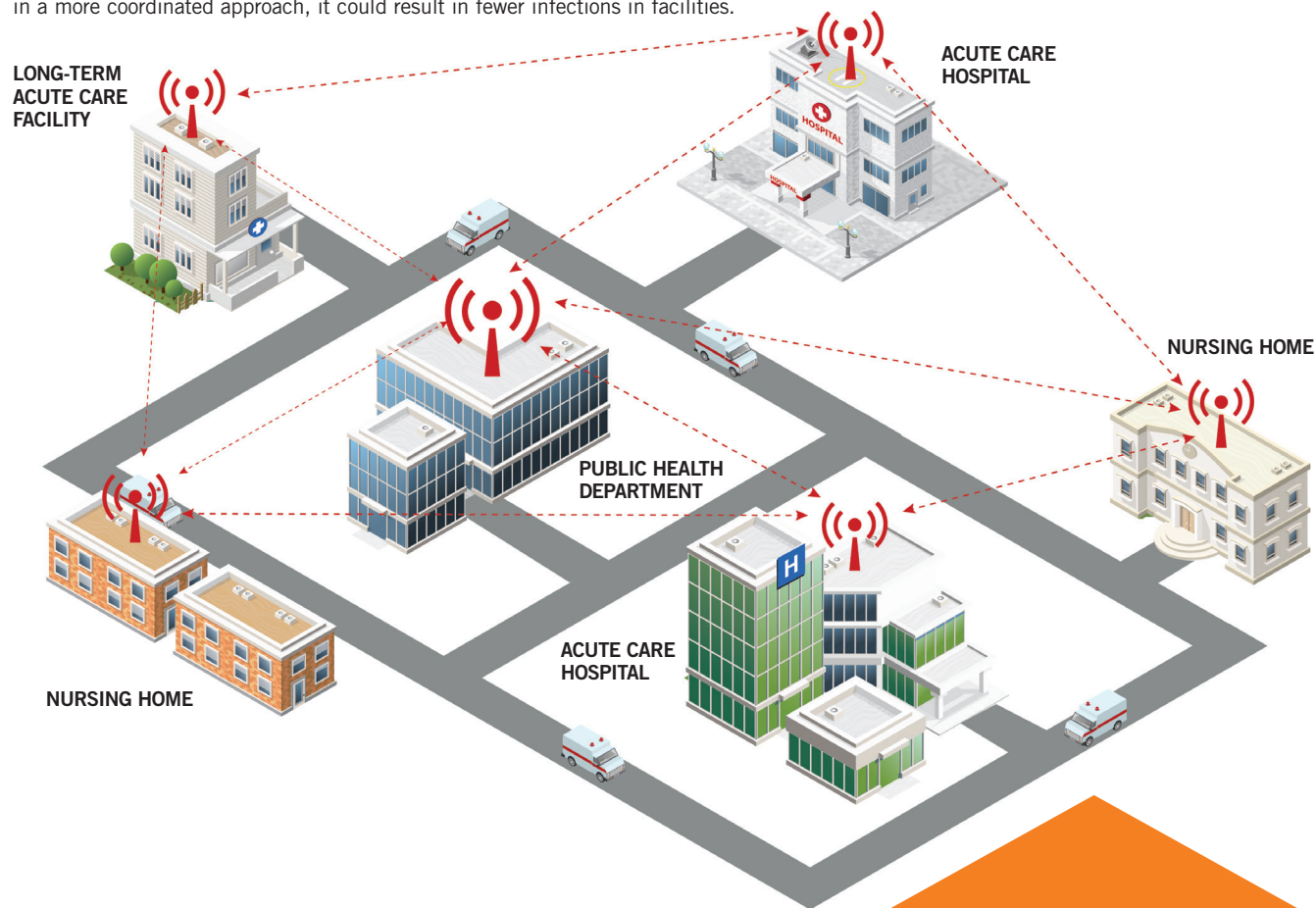


Facilities work together to protect patients

CDC modeling shows that if hospitals and public health systems work together in a more coordinated approach, it could result in fewer infections in facilities.



COMMON APPROACH (Not enough)

- Patients can be transferred back and forth from facilities for treatment without all the communication and necessary infection control actions in place.

INDEPENDENT EFFORTS (Still not enough)

- Some facilities work independently to enhance infection control, but are not often alerted to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities or outbreaks in the area.
- Lack of shared information from other facilities means that necessary infection control actions are not always taken and germs are spread to other patients.

COORDINATED APPROACH (Needed)

- Public health departments track and alert health care facilities to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities and outbreaks in the area.
- Facilities and public health authorities share information and implement shared infection control actions to stop the spread of germs from facility to facility.