

PEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention focused calls for Hospitals – **September 25, 2024!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. Double check that the next call scheduled for October 23, 2024 is on your calendar, you'll use the same zoom link every month! If you would like to submit a question or suggest a discussion topic for next month's discussion ahead of time, please email fitzgerald@kfmc.org.

September Spotlight: [Ensuring Safety Through Construction and Renovation-Infection Control Risk Assessments](#) (slides & links to resources)

- Presented by Kacey Beck, Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Section, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

KDHE HAI/AR Section Updates:

- [Project Firstline Injection Safety Flyer \(2024-09\)](#)
- Looking for more information on Infection Prevention, reach out to HAI/AR team!
 - Email: kdhe.haiar@ks.gov
 - Request form: <https://forms.gle/nDsct1jh46TLMKX67>

NHSN Tips:

- Changing a CMS Certification Number within NHSN
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/Changing-CCN-within-NHSN.pdf>
- NHSN AUR Road Map: [AUR | PSC RoadMap | NHSN | CDC](#)
- The [2022 HAI Rebaseline Progress Tracker](#) is now available!
 - Track our Progress: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/2022rebaseline/progress-tracker.html>
 - Please send questions to NHSN@cdc.gov or using the ServiceNow platform, with subject line: "Rebaseline Progress Tracker."
- Influenza Annual Survey data collection begins October 1.
[CDC NHSN Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting FAQs](#)
- Hospital Respiratory Data to NHSN-begins 11/1/2024
[Hospital Respiratory Reporting webpage-Resources: Forms, Templates & Education!](#)
 - The new HRD module, including both the HRD Daily and HRD Weekly Reporting Pathways, will be available in the NHSN application. Beginning October 9, 2024, facilities can continue to voluntarily submit data prior to the November 1, 2024, required reporting date. **Important: NHSN recommends that HRD be submitted voluntarily in NHSN before November 1 to ensure familiarity with the module and reporting processes. Any data submitted will be used for surveillance and must reflect accurate values, not "test" data.**



- The hospital COVID-19 module will no longer be available for data submission in the NHSN application and will deactivate on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. NHSN users will still be able to access reports for hospital COVID-19 data that were previously submitted.

Medicare Promoting Interoperability (CMS)

- In conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy and Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting an office hour session on **October 4, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET**. We will discuss the requirements for CY 2024 and CY 2025. Email Elizabeth.Holland@cms.hhs.gov with your question and CMS will send the dial-in information.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities:

- The Kansas City APIC chapter is hosting a fall Infection Prevention conference on October 18,
- Registration: [GKC Educational Conference Registration](#)
- Agenda: [GKC Educational Conference Agenda](#)

APIC, Join a chapter!

- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** Next meeting, October 15, 2024. For more information contact <https://community.apic.org/wichitaarea/home>
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** Next meeting, October 8, 2024. For more visit their website: <https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home>
- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** Next roundtable (informal meeting), October 1, 2024. Next Business meeting, November 5, 2024. For more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman (lharelson@kumc.edu)

We welcome questions and discussion topic requests in advance, please contact lfitzgerald@kfmc.org if you have items for October's call.



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