

PEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **January 23, 2024!**

Thank you to those joined us! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. Double check that the next call scheduled for February 27, 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 lfitzgerald@kfmc.org.

January Spotlights

- Loretta Fitzgerald: [NHSN Updates](#)
- Cassie Stevenson: [HAI-AR Team and Services](#), [KDHE ICAR Flyer](#)

COHRA Healthcare Associated Infection Outbreak Notification Framework

- one page summary: [HAI-Patient-Notification-Framework-one-pager_Oct-2023.pdf](#)
- Full document (17 pages), [Framework-for-HAI-Outbreak-Notification.pdf](#)

AHCA/NCAL Tips for Meeting the Infection Preventionist Requirements in Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care Facilities: <https://www.kfmc.org/ahca-ncal-ip-tips-requirements/>

CDC and CMS Present Stories from the Field: Immunization Strategies for Long-term Care:

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 I Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET I

Registration Required: [Register here](#)

APIC, Join a chapter! Benefits of membership: [Benefits of APIC membership](#).

Kansas Chapter contacts: <https://apic.org/member-services/chapters/chapter-map/?state=KS>

- APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area
 - Meetings are typically 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for June and December (no meeting). Past year have been virtual but starting to offer hybrid meetings.
- APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City
 - Meetings are typically 2nd Tuesday of the month 1p-3p; rotated to different locations in the Greater Kansas City area.
- APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America
 - Meetings are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, odd months. Most meetings are hybrid-in person offering is rotated to different locations throughout the chapter.
 - Roundtable sharing zoom sessions are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, even months

National Infection Prevention Forum Aims to Foster Collaboration in LTC

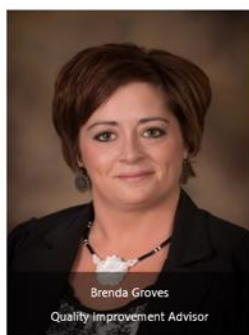
- [NIPF aims to foster collaboration in LTC](#)
- How to get started: To enroll in this national forum, all you need is an email address and password. Instructions for enrolling are available [here](#).

Educational Opportunities for LTC & AL IPs!

- **Assisted Living**
 - [APIC & Argentum Infection Prevention & Control Essentials for Assisted Living](#)
 - APIC Members \$225, non-members \$305
 - The importance of infection prevention and control (IPC) is paramount in senior living communities. The pandemic highlighted the need for IPC training to equip caregiving staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to take proactive measures to provide a safe and healthy environment for our residents. This comprehensive training program provides caregivers with a deeper understanding of how to prevent infectious diseases from spreading throughout senior living communities, minimizing risk for both residents and staff.
- **Long-Term Care**
 - [APIC Infection Prevention & Control Essentials for Long-Term Care](#)
 - APIC Members \$265, non-members \$350
 - APIC has the education and resources to help you train staff, manage compliance, and develop successful infection prevention and control practices for the care and safety of your patients and residents in your long-term care facility.
 - This convenient bundle combines our popular online learning course with one of our most popular publications to give you a comprehensive overview of the key topics you need to know. From federal regulations to *C. difficile* in LTCs, you'll be well-prepared to design and manage successful infection prevention and control programs in your facility.

Additional Emergency Preparedness & Infection Prevention resources:

- [Pause for Prevention](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Plan Assessment Template](#)
- <https://www.kfmc.org/weathering-the-storm/>
- [Healthcare System Preparedness-Cybersecurity Preparedness](#)
- [Healthcare Industry Cybersecurity-CHIRP](#)
- [Electronic Health Records and Downtime Procedures | ASPR TRACIE \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- HQIN Newsletter. [Simple Strategies for Managing Outbreaks and Pandemics - December 2023 \(campaign-archive.com\)](#)
- Recommendations for co-circulating infections- COVID and Flu (updated 11/2023). [Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating | CDC](#)
- If you are not already a member of your local health care coalition and are interested in their support and services, you can visit this website [KANSAS HEALTHCARE COALITIONS - Kansas Healthcare Coalitions | Official Website \(kshcc.com\)](#)



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