

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **March 28, 2023!**

Thank you to those that got to join us! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. 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.

Our next call is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 1:00pm, please join us if you can!

INFLUENZA REPORTING-review all records for persons in your facility October 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023, even if it was only a day!

- **NHSN**-influenza Reporting deadline-**May 15, 2023!**
 - Need assistance-reach out to Brenda Davis: bdavis@kfmc.org
- **MDS**-ensure accurate influenza vaccination documentation is complete by **June 30, 2023.**
 - Need assistance-reach out to Brenda Groves: bgroves@kfmc.org

Candida Auris:

- [Tracking Candida auris | Candida auris | Fungal Diseases | CDC](#)
 - Fact sheets and other information can be accessed from this tracking page as well
- Also be on the lookout for educational webinars and CDC website updates, I hope some of you got to join Florida's Dept. of health webinar that was held March 29th. I have not seen a recording yet.

Project Firstline: In Person educational sessions will be announced soon: expect late summer!

- How can Project Firstline be used now? Explore the website!
<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/healthcare/educational-materials.html>
 - Interactive tools (nurse scenario, housekeeper scenario)
 - Videos (24 targeted videos (most are 4-6 minutes))
 - Posters

CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff

- https://qsep.cms.gov/pubs/CourseMenu.aspx?cid=0CMSCOVIDNH_STAFF

Infection Control Risk Assessments: How to video: <https://youtu.be/RSbh5k4fr2c>

May 11-Public Health Emergency expiration: No new information

Ways to connect with other Infection Preventionists:

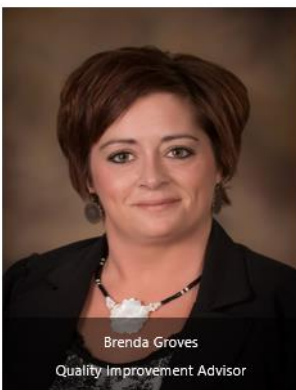
New National Infection Prevention Forum Aims to Foster Collaboration in LTC

- <https://www.ahcancal.org/News-and-Communications/Blog/Pages/New-National-Infection-Prevention-Forum-Aims-to-Foster-Collaboration-in-LTC.aspx>
- The National Infection Prevention Forum (NIPF) is a national forum for any infection preventionist (IP) or infection prevention champions in long term care (LTC) to share lessons learned and resources and get questions answered. This national forum will also provide a mechanism to rapidly disseminate federal updates and resources about infections in LTC as they become available from CDC, CMS, or OSHA. The American Health Care Association (AHCA) has partnered with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) with funding from CDC Project First Line to set up the NIPF, which is open to all LTC professionals focusing on infection prevention regardless of their membership in AHCA or APIC.
- 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](#).
- If you have questions, please contact LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org.

APIC, Join a chapter! Benefits of membership: <https://apic.org/member-services/about-membership/#:~:text=Save%20an%20average%20of%2025,from%20national%20and%20international%20retailers.>

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
- 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
 - Roundtable sharing zoom sessions are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, even months



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