

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **April 25, 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 May 23, 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

Project Firstline: In Person training registrations will open soon!

- How can Project Firstline be used now? Interactive tools available in English & Spanish!
 - **English:** <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/healthcare/interactive.html>
 - **Spanish:** <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/es/healthcare/interactive.html>

May 11-Public Health Emergency expiration:

- QSO 23-13-ALL (5/1/23): <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-13-all.pdf>
- CDC Open Office Hours Call 4/25/23: Recording of the call will be posted here when it is available: <https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/cms-national-stakeholder-calls>
- Recommended links shared during the call:
 - [What Do I Need to Know? CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the Transition Forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#);
 - The [Current Emergencies web page](#); and
 - The [Coronavirus Waivers and Flexibilities web pages](#).
- My two top takeaways from the call:
 - NSHN reporting will continue thru December 2024 for nursing homes
 - Nursing home will still be required to follow national guidelines regarding testing recommendations. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Fnursing-home-long-term-care.html

Vaccine Update! (*this is new information that became available our 4-25-23 call)

- CDC updated the COVID-19 vaccine page 5-2-2023
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html?s_cid=11737:covid%20booster%20schedule:sem.ga:p:RG:GM:gen:PTN:FY22
- Decision tree for reporting up-to-date for NHSN (designed by GPQIN). Here is the link: [How does NHSN define up to date on Vaccines? \(greatplainsqin.org\)](https://www.greatplainsqin.org/How-does-NHSN-define-up-to-date-on-Vaccines?)

Ways to connect with other Infection Preventionists:

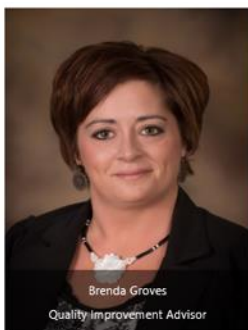
National Infection Prevention Forum Aims to Foster Collaboration in LTC

- <https://www.ahcancal.org/News-and-Communications/Blog/Pages/New-National-Infection-Prevention-Forum-Aims-to-Foster-Collaboration-in-LTC.aspx>
- 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, 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



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