

# PEN OFFICE HOURS

## Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **May 23, 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](mailto:lfitzgerald@kfmc.org).

*Our next call is scheduled for June 27, 2023, at 1:00pm, please join us if you can!*

**Enhanced Barrier Precautions:** A big thank you to Linda Van Hoecke and Carrie Welch for a great presentation. Brenda Groves shared that she received direction from CMS that "if a facility has residents known to be infected or colonized with an MDRO, we would expect them to follow standard precautions appropriate to the organism identified. EBP would be beneficial to prevent potential spread to other residents but not enforced at this time."

- Slides: [2023-05 Enhanced Barrier Precautions-Carrie Welch](#)

**Project Firstline:** now accepting registrations for the July/Aug in person training sessions!

- Online registration: [Summer 2023 PFL training flier](#)

**LTC Antibiotic Stewardship** webinar series with Dr. Kelli Wark kicks off June 15! Series will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly, 1:30 PM-2:30 PM. The series will wrap up on October 19.

- zoom registration link: <https://rb.gy/a8n8r>

**May 11-Public Health Emergency expiration:**

- CDC Infection Control Recommendations-page updated 5/8/2023  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>
- QSO-23-13-ALL  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-13-all.pdf>
- Infection Prevention and Control Post-COVID-19 PHE: A CDC Project Firstline Town Hall with AMA and SHEA. The recording of the 5/16/2023 event is [now available](#) and can be shared. Visit [AMAFirstline.org](http://AMAFirstline.org) and [cdc.gov/ProjectFirstline](http://cdc.gov/ProjectFirstline) for more information about AMA and CDC Project Firstline.
- SHEA (Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America) put together a page that encompasses several federal guidance documents, memos and web sites. It summarizes what is and what is not changing after the end of the PHE. However, use with caution, it is best practice to double check summaries for accuracy. [End of the PHE: Summary of Federal Resources for the Transition – SHEA \(shea-online.org\)](#)

## Vaccine Information!

[CDC-Stay up to date with COVID vaccines \(updated 5-11-2023\).](#)

[Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule](#) (Updated 5/11/2023)

[FAQs for the Interim Clinical Considerations](#) (Updated 5/11/2023)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations Infographic](#) (Updated 5/16/2023)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations Infographic \(Immunocompromised\)](#) (Updated 5/16/2023)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#) (Updated 5/16/2023)

- 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? \(greatplainsqin.org\)](#)

## 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](#).
- If you have questions, please contact [LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org](mailto:LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org).

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, even months

## Have an idea for future education topic? We want to hear from you! [Education topic request](#)



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