

PEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **July 25 and August 22, 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 September 26, 2023, at 1:00pm, please join us if you can!

7/25/23: Julie Richards, an Infection Preventionist with KDHE provided our spotlight education on "Injection Safety".

- Slides: [Injection Safety 2023-07](#)
- Printable poster: [PDF-CDC-PFL-Germs Can Live In Blood poster](#)

8/22/23: Linda Van Hoecke, an Infection Preventionist with KDHE provided the education spotlight on the "Basic Concepts of Cleaning and Disinfection".

- Slides: [Basics of Cleaning and Disinfection 2023-08](#)
- Printable poster: [CDC-PFL-How to Read a Disinfectant Label](#)

Both of the above-mentioned presentations are available to share with your teams, please reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information on either topic!

Additional Information & follow up to open discussion topics:

When I have an employee out for COVID-19, when can he/she return? KDHE is recommends following CDC guidance: [CDC Return to Work Guidance for Healthcare Workers after COVID-19 infection](#)

Resources for post traumatic situation support for residents who witness a traumatic event-*Our team is researching this information.*

What if our contracting pharmacy is not offering Bivalent vaccine at this time and a resident is requesting the vaccine? Resources will vary by location. One suggestion received is; if the resident is able to leave the facility to contact a retail pharmacy or local medical provider office to inquire if they are offering and schedule appointment for him/her. Other suggestions received have stated to contact local health department or CPESN (Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network). *Our team will continue to research this topic as well*

Kansas Reimbursement Program for LTC IP training: [Information & Reimbursement form](#)

Give the Boost a Shot-Education and Office Hours: [access recordings](#)

Project Firstline: The summer 2023 in person classes have wrapped up so that means it's time to start planning future education! Please be on the lookout for a survey this fall. When your facility administrators/IPs receive this survey, please share with *ALL* staff. We hope to receive feedback from multiple staff at each facility to ensure we provide the most valuable education to your teams!

LTC Antibiotic Stewardship webinar series with Dr. Kelli Wark has 2 sessions remaining in the series. The series is the 3rd Thursday monthly, 1:30 PM-2:30 PM and will wrap up on October 19. If you have already registered, you will use the same connection link for all the sessions.

- If you haven't registered already, please do! Zoom registration link: <https://rb.gy/a8n8r>
- The recordings of the first 3 webinars along with the slides are posted to our website! Please share these with your colleagues/medical directors! (scroll to the bottom of the page for the recordings) <https://www.kfmc.org/ltc-antimicrobial-stewardship-webinar-series/>

National Infection Prevention Forum Aims to Foster Collaboration in LTC

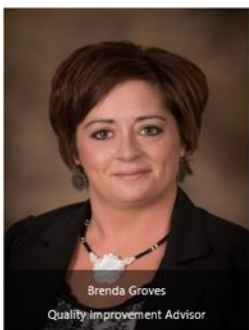
- [NIPF aims to foster collaboration in LTC](#)
- How to get started: To enroll in this national forum, all you need is an email address and password. Instructions for enrolling are available [here](#).
- If you have questions, please contact LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org.

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

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



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