

# OPEN OFFICE HOURS

## Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **September 26, 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 October 24, 2023, at 1:00pm, please join us if you can!*

### **September Spotlight:** Kim Byers, Vaccination Reporting and Resources

- Slides: [Vaccine Reporting and Resources](#)
- Please reach out to Kim Byers, [kbyers@kfmc.org](mailto:kbyers@kfmc.org), if you have any questions or would like additional information.

**NHSN:** The NHSN Vaccination Team hosted a webinar covering an overview of the new COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and the new up to date vaccination status definition for Quarter 4 of 2023 (September 25, 2023 through December 31, 2023). Below is a summary of key points that were covered during the webinar. More information on the updated definition and examples are found here: [COVID-19 Vaccination Modules: Understanding Key Terms and Up to Date Vaccination](#).

#### **Upcoming webinars:**

**Topic:** HPS Person Level COVID-19 Vaccination General Training (Replay)

**When:** Oct 11, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Register in advance for this webinar\*:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_wzqvc0XERBeZMLREPK6NQ](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wzqvc0XERBeZMLREPK6NQ)

**Topic:** HPS Person Level COVID-19 Vaccination General Training (Replay)

**When:** Nov 8, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**Register in advance for this webinar\*:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_MHbwB92bQ-eo\\_qD8yahjQ](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_MHbwB92bQ-eo_qD8yahjQ)

**Infection Prevention Week** is coming soon! This year's theme is Celebrating the Fundamentals of Infection Prevention! <https://infectionpreventionandyou.org/iipw/>

**LTC Antibiotic Stewardship** webinar series with Dr. Kelli Wark has 1 session remaining in the series. It is scheduled for October 19, 2023 at 1:30pm. 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 4 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 and handouts) <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](mailto:LTC-NIPFhelp@ahca.org).

## New Courses for Infection Control in Assisted Living

- 4 modules covering the following topics/approx 1 hour per module (4 CNEs):
  - Infection prevention and control basics
  - Transmission based precautions
  - Special care considerations & increased infection risks
  - Lead infection prevention program in the AL community
- Articles about the course:
  - Infection Control Today:
    - [APIC and Argentum Offer New Courses for Infection Control in Assisted Living \(infectioncontrolday.com\)](#)
  - APIC website:
    - <https://apic.org/news/apic-and-argentum-partner-on-infection-prevention-and-control-training-for-assisted-living-centers/>

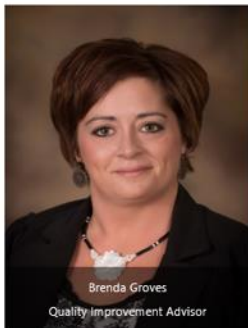
**APIC, Join a chapter!** Benefits of membership: [Benefits of APIC membership](#).

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 or trainings for your staff? We want to hear from you!**

[Education topic request](#)



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