

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **October 24, 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.

This was our last call for 2023, We'd like your input for 2024- [SURVEY](#)

October Spotlight: Kacey Beck, Cleaning of Non-Critical Reusable Equipment

Slides: <https://www.kfmc.org/ip-ltc-cleaning-noncritical-reusable-equip-2023-10/>

- Please reach out to Kacey Beck, kacey.beck@ks.gov, if you have any questions or would like additional information.

NHSN: There now is an Optional Reporting of Influenza and RSV Cases and Vaccinations for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities in the LTC component. Here's the slides with more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/optional-reporting-of-influenza-and-rsv-508.pdf>

Infection Prevention Week was this month and even if the week is over, it's not too late to review the fundamentals if IP! I encourage you to review each of the topics of this poster with your teams? <https://infectionpreventionandyou.org/infographic/fundamentals-of-infection-prevention/>

Viral Respiratory Pathogens Toolkit for Nursing Homes: Are you PREPARED for respiratory viruses, ready to RESPOND when a resident or HCW develops signs or symptoms of a respiratory viral infection, have procedures in place to CONTROL respiratory virus spread when transmission is identified? If you question your readiness for any of these-check out this toolkit! <https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/prevention/viral-respiratory-toolkit.html>

Reimbursement Policy for SNF Provider Staff: This 5-page guide is a great resource addressing frequently asked questions about vaccine payment options to optimize SNF staff vaccine uptake. [Reimbursement Policy for SNF Provider Staff.pdf \(ahcanal.org\)](#)

Vaccine Information Statements-site that hosts most recent VIS for multi, routine and non-routine vaccines. The site was updated 10/19/2023. If you have printed VIS in your facility-double check that they are the most recent. Not sure how to tell? All VIS sheets have a date on it- compare it to the red date next to the vaccine name on the page. Be sure to discard outdated VIS. [CDC Vaccine Information Sheets](#)

LTC Antibiotic Stewardship webinar series with Dr. Kelli Wark has wrapped up! The recordings of the 5 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.

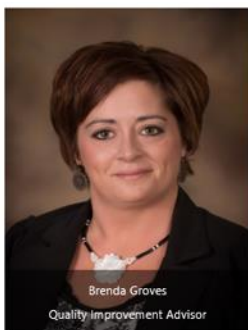
New Courses for Infection Control in Assisted Living-reimbursement is available!

- 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 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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