

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention focused calls for Hospitals – **April 24, 2024!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. Double check that the next call scheduled for May 22, 2024 is on your calendar, you'll use the same zoom link every month! 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.

April Spotlight: [Eyewash Stations](#) (slides & links to resources)

- Presented by Kacey Beck, Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Section, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel, guidelines were updated 3/28/24
For awareness, CDC has recently updated the guidance, [Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients](#). The recommendations in this document include current guidance on the management of exposed or potentially infectious healthcare personnel. New sections available in this March 2024 update include measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and special populations: pregnant healthcare personnel.

- PDF document: <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines>

NHSN 12.1 release notes: this document summarizes the changes that are in effect after the April update. <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/releasemgt/nhsn-release-notes-12.1.0-508.pdf>

NHSN Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination data Reporting due May 15

(all staff who worked 10/1-3/31, even if it was just 1 day are to be counted in your totals!)

- Training slides: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/hcp/hcp-flu-vaccination-summary-reporting-ac-training-slides-508.pdf>

Facilities that participate in certain CMS quality reporting programs may have additional NHSN data deadline approaching, May 15, 2024.

- Reporting deadlines for all healthcare settings can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/cms-reporting-requirements-deadlines.pdf>.



NHSN AUR Module

- For more information and additional resources including FAQs, please see the materials in the Antimicrobial Use and Resistance section of the CMS Reporting Requirements for Acute Care Hospitals (<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/ach.html>) page.
- Slides: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/2023/AUR-PIP-Office-Hours.pdf>
- Office Hours Q&A sessions, Wednesday, May 8 – 3:00-4:00pm ET: [registration](#)

Upcoming Educational Opportunities:

- The national APIC conference in San Antonio is June 3-5. More information can be found here: <https://2024apic.eventscribe.net/>
- The Kansas City APIC chapter is in the planning stages of a fall conference, save the date information will be coming soon!

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Kansas Chapter contacts: <https://apic.org/member-services/chapters/chapter-map/?state=KS>

- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** Next meeting, May 21, 2024. For more information contact <https://community.apic.org/wichitaarea/home>
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** Next meeting, May 14, 2024. For more visit their website: <https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home>
- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** Next meeting, May 7, 2024. For more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman (lharelson@kumc.edu)



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