

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention focused calls for Hospitals – **October 23, 2024!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the last call of 2024! We will send out email communication instead of hosting live calls in November and December due to the holidays. Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. If you would like to submit a question or suggest a topic to be included in the next communication, please email lfitzgerald@kfmc.org.

September Spotlight: [Candida Auris \(2024-10\)](#) (slides & links to resources)

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

KDHE HAI/AR Section Updates:

- Interested in learning about the Surewash leasing (no-cost) program to enhance your hand hygiene education & competency training? Have other questions or need assistance with other infection prevention resources? Reach out to the team!
 - Email: kdhe.haiar@ks.gov
 - Request form: <https://forms.gle/nDsct1jh46TLMKX67>

NHSN Tips:

- NHSN AUR Road Map: [AUR | PSC RoadMap | NHSN | CDC](#)
- 2025 AUR Module Updates Webinar Replay November 6, 2024, 2:00pm C.T. (No recording will be available!) [Register in advance for this webinar replay.](#)
- Influenza Annual Survey data collection began October 1, 2024. [CDC NHSN Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting FAQs](#)
- [Hospital Respiratory Data \(HRD\) Reporting Webpage-Resources: Forms, Templates & Education!](#)
 - Detailed reporting guidance be found in the [HRD-Protocol](#) The NHSN HRD reporting webpage is updated with additional information, resources, and webinar options.
 - The new HRD module is now available in the NHSN application. **Important:** Voluntary reporting is optional prior to November 1, any data submitted will be used for surveillance and must reflect accurate values, not “test” data.
 - **Friday, November 1, 2024:** Start of required reporting according to new CMS Rule.
 - **Sunday, November 3 – Saturday, November 9, 2024.** First full required reporting week. Data for November 3 – November 9, 2024, will be due by 11:59 p.m. PT on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.



NHSN ASC Spotlight

- Check out the first issue! <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/asc/NHSN-ASC-Spotlight-Vol.-1-Issue-1.pdf>
- Please provide feedback and topic ideas for future newsletters to NHSN@cdc.gov with subject line of "ASC Newsletter".

CMS Requirements Links (NHSN website has links to important CMS requirements)

- <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cms/index.html>

Upcoming Educational Opportunities:

- **U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week (USAAW)** is observed each year from November 18-24. The purpose of the observance is to raise awareness of the importance of appropriate antibiotic and antifungal use and the threat antimicrobial resistance poses to people, animals, plants and their shared environment. See the [CDC USAAW webpage](#) for more information and resources
- Information coming soon! KDHE HAI/AR Section & KFMC will be hosting a USAAW educational webinar on November 20, 2024, 12:00pm. Save the date, it's going to be great!

APIC, Join a chapter!

- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** Next meeting: Hybrid (Manhattan, KS & virtual) – 11/5/2024 10:30 am. For more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman (lharelson@kumc.edu)
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** Next meeting: Hybrid (KC, Mo. & virtual) 11/12/2024 1:00 pm. For or more visit their website: [GKC website](#)
- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** Next meeting: virtual 11/19/2024 1:00 pm. For more information contact [Wichita Area](#)

We welcome questions and discussion topic requests in advance, please contact lfitzgerald@kfmc.org if you have items for November and/or December communication.



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