

# OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention focused calls for  
Hospitals –



## November 2024!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for calls during 2024! Even though there are no live calls in November and December, 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](mailto:lfitzgerald@kfmc.org).

**November Spotlight:** On November 20<sup>th</sup>, KFMC Health Improvement Partners and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Healthcare Associated Infections and Antibiotic Resistance (HAI/AR) Section, hosted an informational webinar for U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week. Subject Matter Experts; Dr. Kellie Wark and Dr. Megan Klatt provided focused education on Kansas antimicrobial use and trends, the recording and slides are available.

- Recording access: [Trends in Local Antibiotic Resistance and Antimicrobial Stewardship: Are We Making Meaningful Progress in Kansas?](#)
  - Passcode: e0cW?LG%
- Slides: [USAAW \(11-20-2024\) webinar slides](#)

## Holiday Food Safety Information

- Did you know 1 in 6 people will get sick with foodborne illness? Review & share these food safety tips (posters, webpages & videos) with staff, patients and their families!
  - [A Safe Holiday Feast Infographic](#) (FightBac.org) (PDF 996 KB)
  - [Enjoy a Safe and Healthy Holiday Meal](#) (FightBac.org) (PDF 2.1 MB)

- [Food Safety Basics for Baking Infographic](#) (FightBac.org) (PDF 2.1 MB)
- [Food Safety for Specific Food Types](#) (UC Food Safety) Including eggs, flour, milk, nuts - for safe holiday baking.
- [Handling Flour Safely: What You Need to Know](#) (FDA)
- [Handling ingredients](#) (FightBac.org)
- [Holiday Goodies from Food Safety for Moms-To-Be](#) (FDA)
- [Obsequios festivos de Seguridad alimentaria para futuras mamas](#)
- [Holiday Food Safety](#) Videos in English and Spanish (FDA)

### **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](mailto:kdhe.haiar@ks.gov)
  - Request form: <https://forms.gle/nDsc1jh46TLMKX67>

### **KFMC IP team updates:**

- Prior Open Office Hours resource summary documents can be accessed on the KFMC News & Events page, utilize the QR code at the top of the page or here's the direct link to the Open Office Hours resources: <https://www.kfmc.org/2024-ip-open-office-hours-cah-ach/>
- The Health Equity Resource Hub and the October 30<sup>th</sup> Health Equity Summit session recordings with slides are now available, accessible on the KFMC website. I encourage you to check out the presentation on Inequities in Antibiotic Prescribing: Examining National and Statewide Trends and Reimagining Antimicrobial Stewardship Through a Lens of Equity: <https://www.kfmc.org/2024-kansas-health-equity-summit/>

### **NHSN Tips:**

- NHSN AUR Road Map: [AUR | PSC RoadMap | NHSN | CDC](#)

- 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!](#)

## **APIC, Join a chapter!**

- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** for more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman ([lharelson@kumc.edu](mailto:lharelson@kumc.edu))
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** for more visit their website: [GKC website](#)
- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** for more information visit their website: [Wichita Area](#)

*As we enter the season of gratitude, we want you to know how grateful we are for you and the work that you do!*



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