

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **April 23, 2024!**

Thank you to everyone who joined us! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. Double check that the next call scheduled for May 28, 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 (with links to resources):

- [Eyewash Stations](#)
 - Kacey Beck, Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Section, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- [Immunize Kansas Coalition](#)
 - Geovannie Gone, Immunize Kansas Coalition

Health Ambassador Training Facilitated By Johns Hopkins University Trust plays an integral part in ensuring delivery of person-centered quality care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, distrust of public health fueled vaccine hesitancy and created additional barriers to vaccine uptake. As trusted members of their communities, front line staff, residents and family members can serve as ideal messengers and conversation partners for vaccination decision-making. The John Hopkins team originally developed the Be REAL framework and training materials to prepare community health workers (CHWs) to work with vaccine-hesitant communities nationwide. They have now adapted this for use in the long-term care sector. Through the four steps of "Relate," "Explore," "Assist," and "Leave (the door open)," your trusted messengers will be taught to prioritize relationship building as a primary goal. In this shift from focusing on adherence to public health recommendations (e.g., get vaccinated) to building relationships, the value of vaccine uptake is secondary to the quality of the relationship being formed. The Be REAL framework helps staff to harness the power they already possess. The goal of the Be REAL framework is to foster true partnership between the staff and the residents/families.

We would LOVE to have your trusted messengers with us for this training. Please let Brenda know if you have questions. bgroves@kfmc.org. The sessions will be interactive; include



group discussion, small-group activities, games, and an opportunity to practice what has been learned. **Three locations (9:30am-12:30pm)**

- **May 14, 2024- Wichita-** Register [HERE](#)
- **May 15, 2024- Topeka-** Register [HERE](#)
- **May 16, 2024- KC/Olathe-** Register [HERE](#)

Resources for self-study- addressing hesitancy with staff, residents and decision makers.

- [Motivational Interviewing Strategies for Vaccination Readiness](#) – Implementing motivational interviewing techniques to engage residents and guardians effectively.
- [Mining for Motivation: Finding Others' Internal Motivation with Person-Centered Interviewing](#) – Identifying the internal motivations of residents to encourage vaccination.
- [How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation](#) – Equipping staff with the skills to address and correct misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines.
- [Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#) – Providing accurate information to counter misconceptions
- [Vaccine Letter to Residents and Family Members/Responsible Party](#) – Offering clear and informative communication to residents and their DPOA/guardians.

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 Office Hours: Reporting Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination data

- **Slides:** [Long-Term Care Facility Office Hours - 02-2024 \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- **When (webinar replay):** Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_GJvxuP61Snyk-XWt-QmQMQ

Facilities that participate in certain CMS quality reporting programs have a NHSN data entry 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>.
 - **Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) that participate in the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program:**
 - 2023 Quarter 4 (September 25 – December 31) Weekly Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Summary data
 - 2023 Quarter 4 & 2024 Quarter 1 (October 1 – March 31) Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Summary data
- *Side note: Patient influenza data is not entered into NHSN, it is pulled from MDS, ensure that accurate vaccination status entered into MDS by June 1, 2024 for all residents who spent 1 or more days in your facility between October 1 and March 31.*



Enhanced Barrier Precautions Resources:

- **QSO-24-08-NH** <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-24-08-nh.pdf>
- multiple links were provided in the March summary document, previous month summaries can be found at: <https://www.kfmc.org/2024-ip-ltc-facilities-and-communal-setting-providers-open-office-hours/>
- **LeadingAge Kansas, Kansas Health Care Association facilitated a free webinar on Thursday, March 28th at 2:30 P.M.** It reviewed the principles of Enhanced Barrier Precautions. You can access the webinar recording using the provided link: [2024-03-28 RECORDING: Enhanced Barrier Precautions webinar with KFMC & KAC](#)

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](#).

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:** 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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