

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **July 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 August 27, 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.

May Spotlight: [Corrugated Cardboard](#) (slides & links to resources)

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

KFMC LTC team updates:

- Facility Assessment: A facility-based and community-based risk assessment, utilizing an all hazards approach as required in §483.73(a)(1)
- [QSO-24-13-NH \(cms.gov\).pdf](#)
- HQIN Learning Session-More Than A Regulatory Requirement
 - You may access the recording here: <https://bit.ly/4cPQCYC>
 - Handouts are available here: <https://bit.ly/45Wlzli>
- Utilizing the MDS to Support the Facility Assessment Process
Teams should start by:
 - First, pull a report of the HIPPS codes over the last 6 months and focus on the 3rd letter from the left.
 - This represents the Nursing Case Mix Group and will be one of 25 alpha letters with "A" being the most acute and "Y" being the least acute.
 - Next, determine which Nursing categories your residents typically fall into (Extensive Services, Special Care High, Special Care Low, Clinically Complex, Behaviors/Cognition, or Reduced Physical Functioning).
 - These categories will give you further insight into who you take care of in your facility, their needs from a treatment/equipment standpoint, and the competency level that you staff would need to have to meet the resident needs.

KDHE HAI/AR Section Updates:

- [Current COVID-19 Guidance](#), presented by Kacey Beck, Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Section, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Looking for more information on Infection Prevention, reach out to their team!



- o Email: kdhe.haiar@ks.gov
- o Request form: <https://forms.gle/nDsct1jh46TLMKX67>

NHSN Tips:

- [NHSN v12.2.0 Release Notes \(June 29, 2024\)](#)
- 2024 Virtual Post Acute-Care Training is live this week. The sessions are expected to be available on the platform for 30 days, register here to gain access to the platform:

National Infection Prevention Forum 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](#).

Upcoming Educational Opportunities:

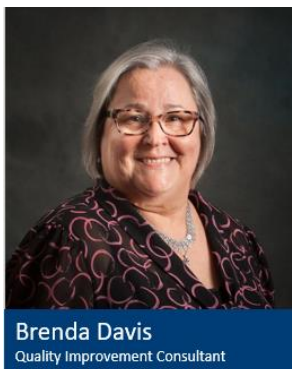
- The Kansas City APIC chapter is hosting a fall Infection Prevention conference on October 18, full agenda will be coming soon! [GKC Educational Conference Registration](#)

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, August 20, 2024. For more information contact <https://community.apic.org/wichitaarea/home>
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** Next meeting, August 13, 2024. For more visit their website: <https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home>
- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** Next roundtable, August 6, 2024, next meeting July 2, 2024. For more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman (lharelson@kumc.edu)

Nadyne Hagmeier's retirement is set for August 6th. Throughout her 22 years with KFMC Health Improvement Partners, she has supported many Kansas healthcare organizations as well as organizations in other states. She will be missed, but we are also excited for her to embrace the next chapter's journey.



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