

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **September 24, 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 October 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.

September Spotlight: [Ensuring Safety Through Construction and Renovation-Infection Control Risk Assessments](#) (slides & links to resources)

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

KDHE HAI/AR Section Updates:

- [Project Firstline Injection Safety Flyer \(2024-09\)](#)
- Looking for more information on Infection Prevention, reach out to HAI/AR team!
 - Email: kdhe.haiar@ks.gov
 - Request form: <https://forms.gle/nDsct1jh46TLMKX67>

KFMC LTC team updates:

- MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS- *COVID-19 · Influenza · Pneumococcal vaccines*
 - KFMC is now offering mobile vaccine clinics at no cost to Assisted Living and Long Term Care facilities for 2024-25 thru October 15, 2024.
 - Contact: Kim Byers, kbyers@kfmc.org or Brenda Groves bgroves@kfmc.org for more information

NHSN Tips:

- **Changing a CMS Certification Number within NHSN**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/cms/Changing-CCN-within-NHSN.pdf>
- **Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination (RPV) Module**
 - Beginning on 9/30/2024, facilities are to report all LTC Resident data on a single, newly combined RPV reporting form. COVID-19 case, hospitalization, and



vaccination reporting remain required. Influenza and RSV reporting remain optional.

- Revised forms, education, instructions, FAQs, CSV templates, and file layout documents
 - [NHSN Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module webpage](#)
- **NHSN Person-Level Vaccination Forms: Quarter 4 2024 Updates for Long-Term Care Facilities**

(Initial Webinar)

When: October 2, 2024, 1:00 pm Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_0WN7oGo7T1W55nycjDwx1Q

When: October 9, 2024 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US & Canada) (Webinar Replay)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Ed-FwlvxSYCawvm5qGxL_Q

When: October 16, 2024, 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US & Canada) (Webinar Replay)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_zDL7rE6gSb2ESacv2bxvYA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

- **Influenza Annual Survey data collection begins October 1.**
 - Define your process for tracking employees, independent practitioners, students, volunteers, trainees, and other contract staff's vaccination status prior to October 1.
 - You may enter data into NHSN weekly, monthly or wait until the conclusion of defined data collect period (10/1/24-3/31/25), but keep in mind with each update you will need enter totals into the sheet, as it will not add to previous entered data, it replaces what was previously entered.
 - [CDC NHSN Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting FAQs](#)

NHSN Reporting Essentials for Long Term Care Facilities Webinar.

- <https://hqin.org/resource/nhsn-reporting-essentials-for-long-term-care-facilities/>



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,
- Registration: [GKC Educational Conference Registration](#)
- Agenda: [GKC Educational Conference Agenda](#)

APIC, Join a chapter!

- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** Next meeting, October 15, 2024. For more information contact <https://community.apic.org/wichitaarea/home>
- **APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City:** Next meeting, October 8, 2024. For more visit their website: <https://community.apic.org/greaterkansascity/home>
- **APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America:** Next roundtable (informal meeting), October 1, 2024. Next Business meeting, November 5, 2024. For more information contact the chapter Secretary, Lacy Bowman (lharelson@kumc.edu)

We welcome questions and discussion topic requests in advance, please contact lfitzgerald@kfmc.org if you have items for October's call.



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