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Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **October 22, 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>

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 31, 2024.
 - Contact: Kim Byers, kbyers@kfmc.org or Brenda Groves bgroves@kfmc.org for more information

NHSN Tips:

- **"2024 NHSN Virtual Post-Acute Care Annual Training: Long-term Care Component, Dialysis Component, and Healthcare Personnel Safety (Vaccination) Component Surveillance and Analytics"** videos are now available on the NHSN website!
 - All videos, slide PDFs, and CE information are located on the Continuing Education > NHSN Post-Acute Care (PAC) Annual training page at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/pac-annual-training.html> Click the 2024 PAC NHSN Training – Videos and Slides button to view.



- **Modifications to the Long-term Care Facility Component** (email received 10/18/2024 from the NHSN team)
 - **Reporting Week Clarification:** data can be reported for the current or prior week in NHSN by Sunday of the current week. For example, facilities can report data for week-ending 10/6/24 or for week-ending 10/13/24 by 10/13/24. Any day of the week is fine to report, as long as you report once a week. For questions about CMS compliance, please contact: DNH_Enforcement@cms.hhs.gov.
 - **Resources:** the [LTCF | Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination Module | NHSN | CDC](#) webpage has resources including revised forms, instructions, FAQs, .CSV file templates, and file layout documents. Please see the [RPV Module Resident Summary Guidance Document](#) to assist with entering data into the new module.
 - **Analysis and Reporting – RPV Resident** To view data corresponding to the RPV Summary form, navigate to Analysis > Generate datasets > Generate reporting datasets. Once datasets have been generated, select Analysis from the home page and then select reports. On the Analysis Reports screen, click the Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination folder, then click the RPV Summary sub-folder. Next, right-click on “Line Listing - Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination - Resident” and click Run Report. To view Resident data for dates before 9/30/24, navigate to the reports in the Archived folder.
- **Technical issues in the application for LTCF Respiratory Pathogens, Vaccination, and Point of Care Modules** (email received 10/15/2024)
 - **RPV Module:** The COVID-19 Vaccination – HCP tab is not currently visible from the menu when you hover over Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination on the home page. This form was not removed, and there are no changes in reporting requirements. You can still access this form by clicking RPV Summary and selecting the reporting week from the calendar view.
 - **Analysis and Reporting – HCP:** To view HCP COVID-19 Vaccination data, please utilize the report titled “Line Listing - All COVID-19 Vaccination Cumulative Summary Data - HCP” under Respiratory Pathogens and Vaccination > Archived > COVID-19 Vaccination. Currently, the version of this report in the RPV Summary folder is not working appropriately, however the line list mentioned above in the Archived folder will populate the HCP data appropriately.
 - **Archived: COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogens Surveillance Pathways Module:** Issue preventing users from adding and/or editing data for dates prior to 9/30/24. The issue is occurring for both facility and group users. We will inform users when this function has been restored.
 - **Point of Care Module:** Manual entry is requiring gender identity even though this question is not indicated as a required field
- **Influenza Annual Survey data collection begins October 1.** [CDC NHSN Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting FAQs](#)



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:

- **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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