

# **O**PEN OFFICE HOURS

## Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **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 and resident 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 LTC 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-ltc-facilities-and-communal-setting-providers-open-office-hours/>
- 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. Check out the presentation: <https://www.kfmc.org/2024-kansas-health-equity-summit/>

## 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.
- **Influenza Annual Survey data collection began October 1.** [CDC NHSN Influenza Vaccination Summary Reporting FAQs](#)
  - **Webinar Replay December 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET (must register in advance):** [https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_84q-qGZ3RHW0xIL7jhnPhQ](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_84q-qGZ3RHW0xIL7jhnPhQ)
  - **Where can facilities access training materials?** Materials pertaining to annual HCP influenza vaccination data reporting are organized under the "Annual" reporting headings on this webpage: [HCP Flu Vaccination | HPS | NHSN | CDC](#).
  - **What are key training materials for LTCFs?**
    - This slide deck reviews how LTCFs can report annual HCP influenza vaccination data through NHSN: [Healthcare Personnel Safety Component Healthcare Personnel Vaccination Module Influenza Vaccination Summary Long-Term Care Facilities](#).

- This operational guidance document outlines the CMS reporting requirement: [Operational Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities to Report Annual Influenza Vaccination Data to CDC's NHSN.](#)

## APIC, Join a chapter!

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- **APIC Chapter 031 - Greater Kansas City:** for or more visit their website: [GKC website](#)
- **APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area:** for more information contact [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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