

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **March 26, 2024!**

Thank you to those joined us! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. Double check that the next call scheduled for April 23, 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.

March Spotlight (with links to resources):

Linda Van Hoecke: [Competency-Based Education and Training, Auditing, Feedback & Reporting in the Healthcare Setting](#)

CDC COVID-19 vaccination recommendations: *(updated March 2024)*

Vaccine Schedules (COVID-19) *the information for 65 and older is found just above table 1, you do have to scroll down the page to see the paragraph with specific information for persons 65 and older. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#not-immunocompromised>

Stay Up-to-Date: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

NHSN: Updates to Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting: Long-term Care Facilities these sessions will cover the definition changes for the reporting period beginning the week of April 1.

When: Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_F98eZSGSReD3vznNL2tzg

When (webinar replay): Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_rjHZrnezSaqzTUzZ0jagxQ

NHSN Office Hours: Reporting Annual Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination data
When (webinar replay): Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_trP6cwnjRtOYRXi5OYeGcw



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-QmQMO

QSO-24-08-NH <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-24-08-nh.pdf>

LeadingAge Kansas, Kansas Health Care Association will facilitate a free webinar on Thursday, March 28th at 2:30 P.M. that will review the principles of Enhanced Barrier Precautions. The training will be conducted by Brenda Davis with Kansas Foundation for Medicare Care. The webinar is free to attend, but CEs will not be provided. You can access the webinar using the credentials below.

Link to join Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82280563115>

Enhanced Barrier Precautions Resources: As you can see below, Carrie Welch is a great at providing resources, please feel free to reach out to her directly if needed!
(carrie.welch@ks.gov)

2023 Open Office Hours Spotlight Topic slides: [Enhanced Barrier Precautions-5-23-2023.pdf](#)

- [Consideration for Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Skilled Nursing Facilities HICPAC \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Implementation of Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Use in Nursing Homes to Prevent Spread of Multidrug-resistant Organisms \(MDROs\) | HAI | CDC](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes | HAI | CDC](#)
- [Pre-Implementation Tool—Enhanced Barrier Precautions \(EBP\) \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Enhanced Barrier Precautions \(EBP\) Implementation—Observations Tool \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- EBP Signage: [enhanced barrier precautions final rev3 \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- Letter for NH Leadership: [Enhanced Barrier Precautions—Letter \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- Letter for NH Staff: [Help Keep Our Residents Safe - Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- Letter for Residents, Families, Friends and Volunteers: [Keeping Residents Safe – Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- PPP Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Skilled Nursing Facilities: [PowerPoint Presentation \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- Presentation: [Implementation and Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes - YouTube](#)
- PPP: [Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes to Prevent the Spread of Novel or Targeted MDROs \(cdc.gov\)](#)



- CDC Webinar Series: Implementation and Use of Enhance Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes: [Tune in to Safe Healthcare: A CDC Webinar Series | Training & Education | Infection Control | CDC](#)

MDRO Definition: For epidemiologic purposes, MDROs are defined as microorganisms, predominantly bacteria, that are resistant to one or more classes of antimicrobial agents (1). Although the names of certain MDROs describe resistance to only one agent (e.g., MRSA, VRE), these pathogens are frequently resistant to most available antimicrobial agents. - <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/mdro/background.html>

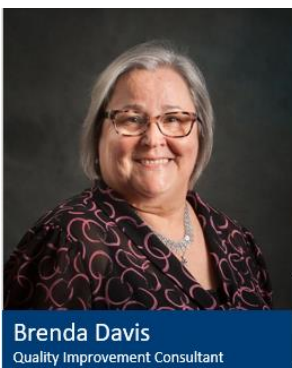
National Infection Prevention Forum Aims to Foster Collaboration in LTC

- [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
 - Meetings are typically 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for June and December (no meeting). Past year have been virtual but starting to offer hybrid meetings.
- APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City
 - Meetings are typically 2nd Tuesday of the month 1p-3p; rotated to different locations in the Greater Kansas City area.
- APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America
 - Meetings are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, odd months. Most meetings are hybrid-in person offering is rotated to different locations throughout the chapter.
 - Roundtable sharing zoom sessions are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, even months



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