



Infection Preventionist Certificate Program

Dec. 5 – 7, 2022

Day 1: Monday, Dec. 5, 8:30 a.m. – Noon (virtual)

Day 2: Tuesday, Dec. 6, 8:30 a.m. – Noon (virtual)

Day 3: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (in-person)

Location: Days 1 and 2: virtual

Day 3: Minnesota Humanities Center

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PURPOSE

Every care center is required to have a trained and designated Infection Preventionist running a comprehensive infection prevention and control program. This comprehensive, interactive virtual and in-person training is designed for individuals responsible for infection prevention and control programs or those who need additional training. Minnesota Department of Health surveyors are surveying to these requirements.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Review key components of Infection Control regulatory requirements, including designation of an Infection Preventionist.
- Learn how to apply tools and resources on evidence-based infection prevention and control practices to ensure your program effectively meets standards and improves quality of care.
- Create new perspectives and innovative ideas to drive impactful and active employee learning.
- Engage in real-world problem solving with colleagues.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day 1: Monday, Dec. 5 (virtual)

8:30 a.m. – Noon Program

The Role of the Infection Preventionist (IP)

- Define the purpose of the Infection Prevention Control (IPC) program.
- Review the requirements of the infection preventionist.
- Understand the training and qualifications of an infection preventionist.

Microbiology Basics for Infection Prevention

- Review the chain-of-infection.
- Discuss blood borne pathogens.

Requirements for Infection Control and Prevention Program

- Identify core activities of an IPC program.
- Develop and implement IPC policies and procedures for your organization.
- Understand how the IPC fits into the quality assessment and assurance committee.

Water Management

- Discuss the importance of a water management program and define its seven elements.
- Identify strategies for using water safety in your facility.

This schedule includes a 15-minute break.

Day 2: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (virtual)

8:30 a.m. – Noon Program

Surveillance

- Define surveillance, its purpose, and the types of surveillance measures and methods.
- Learn recommended practices for developing a surveillance plan.
- Identify resources for collecting, managing, analyzing, and reporting surveillance data.

Outbreak Management and Investigation

- Define what is considered an outbreak.
- Describe the purpose of an outbreak investigation and the steps required for conducting it.
- Learn about state driven efforts to improve infection prevention and control including ICAR, resources, and recent outbreak/containment efforts.

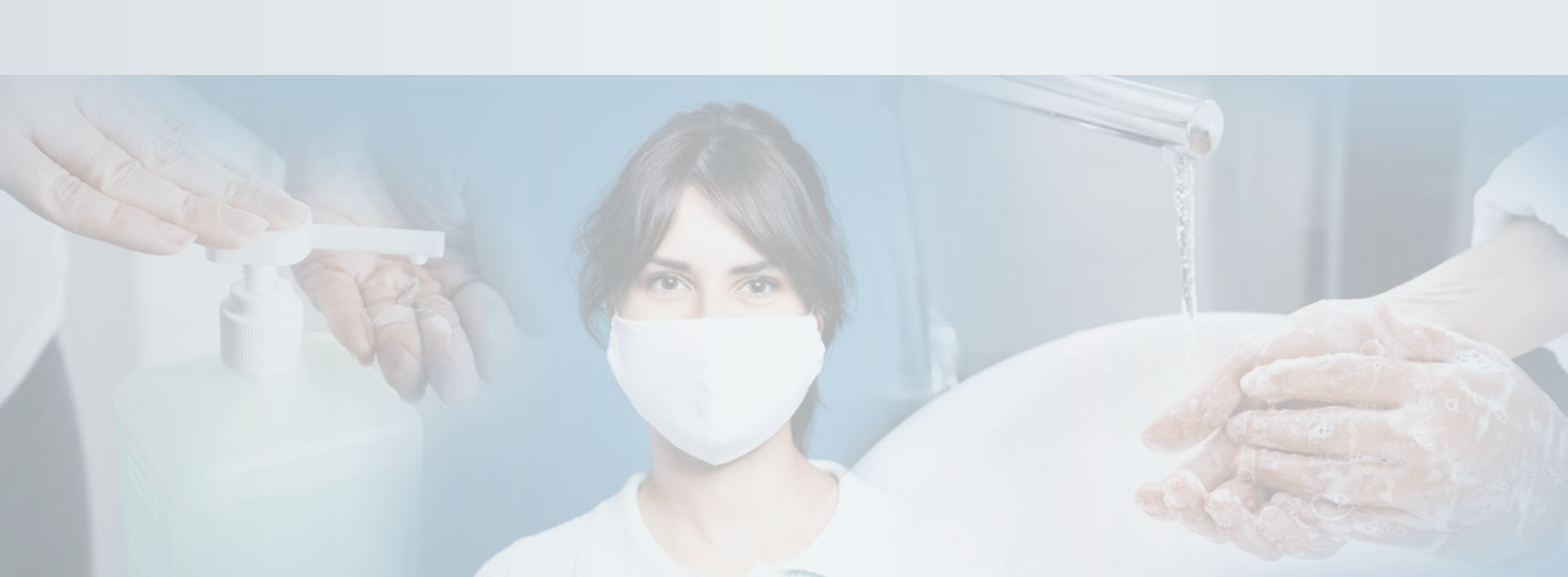
Antibiotic Stewardship and Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs)

- Understand what antibiotic resistance is and why antibiotic stewardship is important.
- Describe the CDC core elements of antibiotic stewardship.
- Consider how CMS Requirements of Participation regarding antibiotic stewardship are met by your facility.
- Become familiar with the MDH Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit and resources.
- Learn how to stay up to date with antibiotic stewardship information.
- Understand the epidemiology of MDROs and how to prevent their spread.

Project Firstline: Recognizing Risk

- Learn to recognize infection risks in health care.
- Understand actions to protect residents from infection risks.

This schedule includes a 15-minute break.



Day 3: Wednesday, Dec. 7 (in-person Minnesota Humanities Center)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – Noon Program

Immunization and Vaccination Programs

- Review immunization and vaccination requirements.
- Discuss the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) program for Minnesota.

Employee Health and Safety

- Describe occupational health considerations for the IPC program.
- Review occupational prevention and management activities related to infectious occupational exposures and staff illness.

Preventing and Controlling Transmission of Infectious Agents

- Review the elements of respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- Describe the role of environmental surfaces and linen in the transmission of pathogens.
- Discuss recommended practices for linen management and cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces.

Safe Injection Best Practices

- Define injection safety.
- Identify recommended safe injection practices and the harms that can result from failure to follow them.
- Learn how to respond if unsafe injection practices are identified.

Point of Care Devices and Reusable Equipment

- Define point-of-care blood testing.
- Describe unsafe practices during point-of-care blood testing.
- Understand how resident care equipment may transmit pathogens.
- Learn how to incorporate reprocessing of reusable resident care equipment into the IPC program.

Isolation and PPE

- Define standard precautions that apply to all patient care.
- Describe proper selection of PPE.
- Identify three categories of transmission-based precautions and strategies for their implementation.

TB Prevention and Control Programs

- Describe epidemiology, risk factors, and the impact of TB in long-term care.
- Identify key administrative controls for early recognition of TB.
- Learn about environmental controls and respiratory protection programs used to prevent and control the spread of TB.

Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch

12:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Case Study

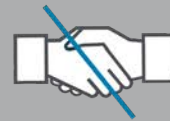
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Break

2:55 – 3:45 p.m.

Survey Readiness

This schedule includes a 15-minute break in the morning and 10-minute break in the afternoon.



SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

Infection Preventionists, Directors/Assistant Directors of Nursing, Nurse Managers, Nurses, Nurse Consultants. Infection Preventionist is a required staff role for care centers. This training is also relevant for assisted living settings.

PRESENTERS

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CEUs – ELIGIBLE FOR 12 CLOCK HOURS

This programming has been designed to meet the continuing education approval of the Minnesota Board of Nursing. Participants may also request a general certificate of attendance. CEUs are earned only for the individual registered.

HANDOUTS

Participants will receive links to electronic handouts before the conference and are encouraged to print them in advance or download to view on a laptop or tablet.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

LeadingAge Minnesota Members – \$380 per person

Prospective Members – \$500 per person

Registration fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022.

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Registration cut-off date/cancellation deadline is 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2022. Cancellations must be made in writing and are subject to a \$25 processing fee. No-shows will be billed the full conference fee. LeadingAge Minnesota reserves the right to cancel this conference or any individual session.

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