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On March 2, 2010, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) kicked off the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative with the ISDH Healthcare Leadership Conference. The Conference was attended by 1,208 individuals from health care facilities across the state. Today's newsletter contains information on participation in the Initiative.

The Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative is a collaborative effort of providers, consumer advocates, health care quality improvement organizations and state surveyors. The Initiative will provide participants with toolkits, education, training and technical assistance with a goal of reducing the number of infections in hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and hospices throughout the state.

We invite you to join us in this exciting initiative! The collaborative team is committed to and envisions a dramatic decrease in the number of infections through the implementation of this 15-month quality improvement initiative. At least 80 health care facilities throughout the state will be selected to participate in this initial project. For more details, please see the enclosed [Invitation and Overview](#).

If your facility is interested in participating, please complete the enclosed [Acceptance Form and Letter of Application](#) and FAX to Lidia Dubicki at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community at (888) 841-0479 (alternate FAX (317) 791-5945) by May 14, 2010.

Thank you for your interest in the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. The ISDH, University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community, and the Healthcare Associated Infection Collaborative Team look forward to working with you as Indiana strives to prevent healthcare associated infections.

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