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LTC Update:

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Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Projects Applications

CMP funding for Communicative Technology Devices and In-Person Visitation Aids are still available. Facilities are eligible to receive up to \$3,000.00 in funds for each application. Facilities that have previously received funding for communicative technology and /or visitation aids are eligible to reapply. The amount of funding awarded depends on the original amount received (less than \$3,000) and the number of facility beds. Facilities may receive more than \$3,000 based on facility size.

[COVID-19 Communicative Technology Application](#)

[COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Aids Application](#)

Email questions to Nancy Adams at nadams1@isdh.in.gov or Lisa Hensley at lhensley@isdh.in.gov.

HAI Webinar – Sept. 28

The Indiana Department of Health is rebooting the HAI/AR Webinar to provide relevant information related to the current and emerging reportable diseases including the importance of collaboration at all levels from federal, state, local health and facility IP teams.

Upcoming Webinars 2 p.m. (EDT):

Sept. 28: The Three Rs: Reach-Out, Reporting, and Resources

Nov. 3: *Candida auris*

Jan. 25, 2022: Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms

Registration Information: [Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Webinar Flyer](#)

LTC Toolkit Update – COVID-19

The COVID-19 LTC Toolkit is being updated to include the most current guidance and recommendations. Please continue to follow the infection control, testing and visitation guidance from the CDC and CMS. Information regarding the updated toolkit will be included in the LTC Newsletter.

Outbreak-sequencing Project—Update

For the last few weeks, IDOH has conducted outbreak testing and sequencing by collecting specimens for PCR testing. Based on the initial data, using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for outbreak testing identified few additional cases when compared to point-of-care testing. Based on this data, IDOH recommends that facilities outbreak testing using BinaxNOW or other POC test, and perform confirmatory PCR testing at your usual lab if indicated based on the CDC's [Considerations for Interpretation of Antigen Tests in Long-Term Care Facilities](#).

Please reach out to IDOH if you need assistance with outbreak testing by emailing the COVID-19 long-term care team at striketeamrequest@isdh.in.gov. We will share the final results of outbreak PCR and variant analysis.

IDOH is designing a new process to collect samples for the CDC sequencing project and will share details soon. That will involve collecting specimens from already known resident cases only.

REDCap Survey—Reminder

If you haven't already, please complete by Aug. 27 the [REDCap survey](#) on your current plans and/or anticipated needs regarding additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Additional REDCap survey information is available in the [Aug. 19 newsletter](#).