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Long-Term Care Newsletter (2025-06)

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CMS Delays Implementation of Revised LTC Surveyor Guidance

On March 10, 2025, CMS released a memorandum that communicates a delay in the implementation for revised guidance for nursing home surveyors.

Implementation has been moved from March 24, 2025, to April 28, 2025.

[Read the memorandum from CMS.](#)

Outbreak Investigation of *Listeria Monocytogenes* in Frozen Supplemental Shakes

Long-term care facilities that purchased or received Lyons ReadyCare and Sysco Imperial Frozen Supplemental Shakes should not serve these products. Products should be immediately removed from the inventory and separately stored.

- Carefully clean and sanitize any surfaces or containers that they touched.

- Follow [FDA's safe handling and cleaning advice](#) to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

Listeria can survive in refrigerated temperatures and can easily spread to other foods and surfaces.

[Learn more.](#)

What YOU Need to Know About Infection Prevention - Earn a Certificate!

What YOU Need to Know about Infection Prevention is a cost-free, online five-module course addressing various aspects of infection prevention and control. The course was made possible by a collaboration between [IDOH](#), CDC's [Project Firstline](#), and the [University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community](#).

The five modules, developed with input from Indiana healthcare workers on their desire for further education in infection prevention, are:

- How Does Science Work?
- How Do I Know What Guidelines to Listen To?
- Using Clinical Guidelines Beyond the Clinic
- Recognize Infection Risks in Healthcare
- *Candida auris*: Stopping the Spread

Earn a certificate from IDOH by completing all five modules and passing a final exam.

[Click to register.](#)

Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Personnel

IDOH and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community are offering free virtual courses for skilled nursing facility personnel in subject areas relevant to the long-term care setting, such as pressure injury and prevention, emergency and disaster management, and abuse and neglect prevention.

Upcoming sessions:

[Emergency and Disaster Management in Long-Term Care](#)

March 17, 2025

- Co-taught by Kara Cecil, DrPH and Bill Reckert, MSM
- Topics covered: the four phases of emergency management, review of CMS risk assessment template and self-assessment checklist, tabletop exercises, improving your emergency action plan (EAP), emergency communications, the importance of documentation and training in a high turnover field.

Abuse and Neglect Prevention in Long-Term Care

March 18, 2025

- Taught by Becky Bartle, MSN, RN, HFA
- Topics covered: human dignity for all persons, recognizing abuse and neglect, causes of abuse and neglect of residents, training for staff that prevents stressors, abuse by other residents, abuse by visitors/family members, preventing abuse and neglect and intervening, reporting abuse and neglect, and mechanisms to administratively monitor for potential abuse.

Each course offers long-term care specific examples. Courses will be offered at various times through May 2025. CEUs are available through IDOH for administrators and social workers.

These courses are funded through IDOH using Civil Money Penalty funds. If you have questions, please contact Leah Jones at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community at Jonesl001@uindy.edu.

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