

# HAI/AR Monthly Digest

Utah Department of Health Healthcare Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance Program

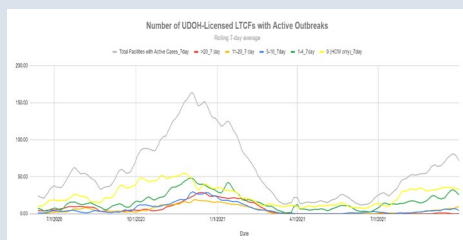
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*“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”*

*~ Dalai Lama*



## Utah LTCF Situational Update



## New UDOH COVID-19 Guidance Documents for LTCFs

## Updates

### HAI/AR Update

#### 3rd Dose/Booster Dose Information

Under the FDA emergency use authorization and ACIP recommendations, Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) booster doses are authorized for:

- people who are 65 and older, and
- people who live in a long-term care facility, and
- people 18 and older with underlying medical conditions that put them at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- people who live or work in a setting that puts them at a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19, such as healthcare workers and teachers (this was overturned by the CDC Director after the ACIP voted against this measure).

- New: Outbreak Response in Long-Term Care
- Updated: Personal Protective Equipment Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Staff

New guidance documents can be found on the Long-Term Care Facilities webpage, under the [For Long-Term Care Facility Providers](#) section.

- ***Work with your Pharmacy Partner to schedule your 3rd dose/booster dose clinics today!***
- See attached 3rd Dose Algorithm for more information.

Starting November 1, 2021, The Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) will only be accepting COVID-19 test requests through the Lab Web Portal and will no longer accept spreadsheets. Please see below to access the Lab Web Portal folder, which includes instructions on how to use the Portal for COVID-19 test requests.

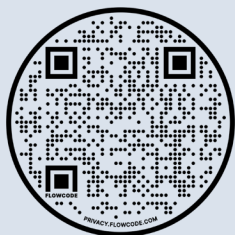
- Register for the portal [here](#).

## Mental Health Resources

To find out more about mental health resources offered in Utah, click [here](#).

## Questions?

For questions, visit our [Long-Term Care Facilities webpage](#) or email us at [hai@utah.gov](mailto:hai@utah.gov).



- To view the Lab Web Portal User resource folder, click [here](#)

## CDC Update

- [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
- Please see the attached CDC Project Firstline powerpoint slides discussing the updates in COVID-19 guidance.

## Spotlights

### Welcome to our New UDOH HAI/AR Infection Preventionists:

- Brittny Lee
- Pam Iwamoto
- Julie Bauserman

### October 15, 2021: Global Handwashing Day

- *This year's theme is **Our Future is at Hand - Let's Move Forward Together.***
- Click [here](#) to find out more about #GlobalHandwashingDay  
#YourFutureAtHand

### October 17-23, 2021: International Infection Prevention Week

- *This year's theme is **Make Your Intention Infection Prevention.***

- Click [here](#) to view a toolkit with infographic posters and messages to share via social media.

*Please send us stories or pictures that highlight the amazing work you and your facility have accomplished during the pandemic. We want to spotlight your successes. Email your HAI/AR contact or [hai@utah.gov](mailto:hai@utah.gov) to share your stories.*

## **Education/Resources**

### Project Firstline



- The UDOH has partnered with Project Firstline, a national CDC collaborative, to create infection prevention and control (IPC) training for frontline healthcare staff. Stay tuned for upcoming self-paced modules on IPC basics. To visit the Project Firstline website, click [here](#).

### Project ECHO

- Stay tuned for more information about upcoming Project ECHO sessions.

### Antimicrobial Resistance in Utah

*Since September 1, 2021*

## Multi-drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO) Big 5 Carbapenamase Producers\* and other Producers

<b>Cases: 11</b>	<b>Outbreaks: 3</b>
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\*VIM, IMP, NDM, KPC, OXA-48

### Interfacility Transfer Form

- The Utah Department of Health Interfacility Transfer Form should be used when transferring patients to other healthcare facilities, regardless of MDRO status. This form is vital for receiving facilities to understand any potential precautions or infection prevention protocols that need to be enacted upon admission. Use of this form will help reduce the transmission of MDROs. To view the form, click [here](#).

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Thank you.

