

IDPH Workgroup – Infection Prevention and HAI

For all meetings, call-in information is:

Conference line: 1-888-398-2342

Passcode: 5601026#

These are open to all Illinois infection preventionists who are interested in participating. Anyone interested in participating in one of these workgroups should email [lauren.gallagher@illinois.gov](mailto:lauren.gallagher@illinois.gov) with name, email address, phone number, and the workgroup you would like to join.

\* **MDRO Surveillance Workgroup**

- Will explore making all or some of the specific emerging multidrug-resistant gram negative organisms of epidemiologic importance reportable in Illinois
- *First meeting is Tuesday 4/27 at 10:00 a.m.*

\* **Outbreak/Breaches of IC Practices Workgroup**

- Establish outbreak reporting requirements
- Explore methods for electronic notification of HAI outbreaks
- Explore developing a separate module for reporting HAI clusters within the current reporting systems
- Explore developing processes and tiered response criteria to handle increase reports of serious infection control breaches or suspect cases/clusters
- Identify actions that will be taken when serious infection control breaches have been identified
- *First meeting is Wednesday 4/21 at 11:00 a.m.*

\* **IC Program Workgroup**

- Explore developing legislation to mandate use of qualified electronic surveillance system
- Develop minimum Infection Prevention and Control staffing levels for hospitals
- *First meeting is Monday 4/26 at 2:00 p.m.*

\* **Long Term Care Workgroup**

- Assist in developing a statewide needs assessment and profile
- Establish educational standards for LTC and LTACH healthcare workers
- Develop standardized educational tools
- Implement educational sessions
- Explore current and future collaborations among public health, LTCFs, LTACHs and hospitals
- *First meeting took place in January*

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