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To: All Community Based Care and Nursing Facility Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD)
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: Resources & Professional Development Opportunity For LTCF
Infection Control Staff Offered by OHA ACE Program.



The Oregon Health Authority, Healthcare-Associated Infections Program, in collaboration with Comagine Health, is excited to unveil **Advancing Infection Control Capacity & Education (ACE): Coaching to Certification**, an initiative designed to help long-term care infection control specialists ACE their certification in infection control and build capacity to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

This FREE, resource-rich program offers textbooks, expert coaching, memberships and fees, and the mentoring and preparation to sit for the [CIC exam](#). This opportunity is available to a lead infection prevention staff member in any ODHS-regulated nursing facility, assisted living facility or residential care facility.

The virtual kickoff session for the ACE Program will be Tuesday October 4, 2022 at noon PT. Please [Register Here](#), facility Administrators, Directors, and infection control staff all encouraged to attend. Facilities who attend this intro session will be able to obtain the following resources for the infection control lead in their facility:

- 1) A year-long [membership to the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology \(APIC\)](#), which provides education, training, and networking opportunities, including the APIC networking platform which is a great place to ask questions and learn from fellow Infection Control Practitioners.
- 2) The definitive infection control resource for long-term care settings, the APIC [Infection Prevention Guide to Long-Term Care](#).

Additional resources will be available with participation in the ACE Program. Participation in this program and CIC certification is not required by Oregon Department of Human Services nor Oregon Health Authority. This is a

voluntary training and professional development opportunity to support infection control capacity at Oregon long-term care facilities.

Questions about the program can be directed to Dr. Rebecca Pierce, at rebecca.a.pierce@dhsosha.state.or.us.