

Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (HAIAC) Meeting

December 9, 2020
1:00 – 2:15 pm

Webinar only, PSOB
800 NE Oregon St.
Portland, OR 97232

Agenda, materials, minutes, recordings, and transcriptions for meetings are available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/HAI/Prevention/Pages/Meetings.aspx>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Joshua Bardfield, Supply Chain Services Manager, The Oregon Clinic, P.C. (phone)
- Deborah Cateora, BSN, RN, Healthcare Education/Training Coordinator and Nurse Consultant, Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ Unit), Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) (phone)
- Paul Cieslak, MD, Acute & Communicable Disease Prevention (ACDP) & Immunizations Medical Director, Oregon Public Health Division (PHD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA) (phone)
- Kelli Coelho, RN, CASC, MBA, Executive Director, RiverBend Ambulatory Surgery Center (phone)
- Pamela Cortez, MBA, BSN, RN, CNE, BC, Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Support, Salem Health (phone)
- Wendy L. Edwards, RN, BSN, Patient Safety Surveyor, Health Facility Licensing and Certification, Oregon PHD, OHA (phone)
- Jon Furuno, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Oregon State University/College of Pharmacy, Oregon Health and Science University (phone)
- Jesse Mensik Kennedy, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant, Oregon Nurses Association (phone)
- Vicki Nordby, RN, BSN, Nurse Consultant, Marquis Companies, Inc. (phone)
- Kirsten Schutte, MD, Infectious Disease and Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Asante (phone)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

- Genevieve Buser, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease Physician, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center

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- Dennis Drapiza, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, Regional Director - Northwest Infection Prevention and Control, Kaiser Permanente Northwest
- Pat Preston, MS, Executive Director, Center for Geriatric Infection Control

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

- Amy Anderson, Director of Safety and Quality, Washington State Hospital Association (phone)
- Karen Brooks, Infection Control Practitioner, Legacy Silverton Medical Center (phone)
- Susan Diskin, BSN, RN, CIC, Infection Prevention and Control, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center (phone)
- Mesa Greenfield, Infection Prevention/Employee Health Nurse, Lake District Hospital (phone)
- Elizabeth Hickerson, MLS/ASCP, Medical Laboratory Scientist, Clinical Laboratory Manager/ Infection Prevention Officer, Morrow County Health District, Pioneer Memorial Hospital (phone)
- Kristi Ketchum, RN, MBA, HACCP, CPHQ, CEO, Oregon Outpatient Surgery Center (phone)
- Karen Keuneke, RN, MSN, Supervisor of Infection Prevention, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (phone)
- Gretchen Koch, MSN, RN, Policy Analyst, Nursing Practice and Evaluation, Oregon State Board of Nursing (phone)
- Shanna Middaugh, MLS, BHA, CIC, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (phone)
- Jamie Miller, RN, CPHQ, Senior Manager, Clinical Services, Surgical Care Affiliates (phone)
- Quinn Myers, RN, Infection Prevention/Employee Health, Coquille Valley Hospital (phone)
- Mary Post, RN, MS, CNS, CIC, Infection Prevention/Employee Health Coordinator, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Portland (phone)
- Joseph Scarpelli, Infection Prevention Representative, Stryker Sage (phone)
- Maisie Taylor, Quality Improvement Specialist, Blue Mountain Hospital District (phone)

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**OHA STAFF
PRESENT:**

- Pamela S. Bruhn, RN, BSN, MAN, ANP, Regional Infection Preventionist Public Health Nurse (phone)
- Erin Coke, RN, BSN, MPH, Regional Infection Preventionist Public Health Nurse (phone)
- Heather Hertzell, MPH, Multi-Drug Resistant Organism (MDRO) Epidemiologist (phone)
- Laura LaLonde, MPH, CPH, CHES, HAI Office Specialist (phone)
- Nicole West, MPH, Influenza Epidemiologist (phone)
- Roza Tammer, MPH, CIC, Infection Control Epidemiologist (phone)

ISSUES HEARD:

- Call to order and roll call
- Logistics update
- Approve September 2020 minutes
- COVID-19: Guidance update
- Discussion: COVID-19
- Discussion: Topics for future meetings and reports
- Public comment
- Final roll call and adjourn

Item	Discussion	Action Items
Call to order and roll call Roza Tammer, OHA		No action items
Logistics update Roza Tammer, OHA	➤ HAIAC membership updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four vacancies: • Hospital Administrator with Expertise in Infection Control in a Facility with Fewer than 100 Beds. • Consumer and Patient Representative. • Health Insurer Representative. • Oregon Patient Safety Commission Representative. • Opportunity for current member to serve as Chairperson. 	Please share “Bring your voice to the table” one-pager with your networks and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remote attendees will remain unmuted for meeting; reminder to unmute yourself to speak. Guidance for using webinar platform is included in meeting minutes. ➤ Interim meeting to discuss flu season was requested during September meeting. Currently, there is no capacity to schedule additional HAIAC meetings, but the Oregon and Southern Washington chapter of Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (OSWAPIC) was suggested as a venue for that type of conversation in the future. 	email Roza if interested
<p>Approve September 2020 minutes</p>	<p>September minutes were not approved, December and September minutes will be approved during the March 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>Approve September and December 2020 minutes</p>
<p>COVID-19: Guidance update Roza Tammer, OHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on quarantine: Currently 14 days, states and local public health authorities can consider 10 days without testing and seven days with a negative test if the test occurred on day five or later. CDC still endorses a 14-day quarantine after exposure and to self-isolate if symptoms develop and re-test. Unclear how Oregon will implement new CDC guidance for congregate settings. No change in current OHA recommendations regarding discontinuation of isolation for residents and return-to-work guidance for healthcare personnel (HCP) in congregate care settings. Kirsten Schutte: The shortened quarantine guidance has been applied in some cases and clusters within certain units of our facility. This could be adapted similarly to a tiered personal protective equipment (PPE) structure to address contingency and crisis staffing scenarios and exposure risk. Mary Post: CDC notes the percentage of risk at seven days of quarantine is five to 10 percent and around one percent at 10 days. This could be a strategy to use in staffing crisis in lieu of having HCP working while symptomatic. Susan Diskin: Clark County standard is to not apply the CDC guidance to healthcare facilities but use this guidance to address staffing shortages. Jesse Kennedy: Quarantine guidelines can differ between facilities, in particular after travel to certain counties or states. Requests updated OHA guidance address inconsistencies for quarantine and return-to-work guidance for nurses. ➤ Guidance document updates coming for cases among HCP and associated quarantines of patients or residents and HCP notification: 	

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	<p>HCP identified as close contacts of COVID-19 cases may work during their quarantine period as long as they remain asymptomatic and practice source control. Quarantine outside of work should be maintained. This guidance lists high-risk exposures to guide work exclusions and risk assessment related to healthcare personnel cases. References to Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) rules have been strengthened in this document. Oregon OSHA's temporary administrative rule, which is OAR437, 001, 0744, addresses workplace risks for COVID-19.</p> <p>➤ References:</p> <p>Clinical Care and Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for COVID-19 Updated 1/22/2021: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2288J.pdf</p> <p>CDC: Clinical Care Guidance Updated Feb. 16, 2021: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Prevention Control/PPE guidance: Oregon aligns with CDC to simplify rapidly changing guidance. OHA offers optimization guidance to streamline. <p>Use of Personal Protective Equipment by Health Care Personnel in Resource-Constrained Settings Updated 9/23/2020: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2288t.pdf</p> <p>Principles in Promoting Health Equity During Resource Constrained Events: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3513.pdf</p>	
<p>Discussion: COVID-19 All members and attendees</p>	<p>➤ Routine testing in long-term care facilities:</p> <p>Non-outbreak scenarios are based on COVID-19 positivity rate in the county, once a month (low positivity rate), once a week (medium positivity rate), and twice a week (high positivity rate, greater than ten percent).</p> <p>Vicki Nordby: Marquis facilities monitors the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data to determine if facilities need to increase or decrease testing.</p> <p>➤ References:</p> <p>Routine COVID-19 testing in long-term care facilities, updated October 22, 2020: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3447.pdf</p> <p>Plan for Testing Long Term Care Staff, updated October 22, 2020: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3448.pdf</p>	

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	<p>➤ Influenza season and COVID-19:</p> <p>If influenza is circulating in a congregate care setting OHA recommends routinely testing for influenza and COVID-19.</p> <p>Low influenza infection rates. Possible lower influenza vaccination rates among HCP. The requirement to wear a mask if not vaccinated is no longer a motivator considering universal masking. Data for HCP vaccination rates will be available at the end of this influenza season.</p> <p>➤ References:</p> <p>DHS webinar Responding to Covid-19 during influenza season: https://join-noam.broadcast.skype.com/dhsoha.state.or.us/2ce76e94c6ef4580b69828ec3df8e9b3</p> <p>Clinical Considerations for Influenza Testing during the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic Updated 11/24/2020: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3454.pdf</p> <p>COVID-19 Testing Recommendations for Health Care Providers Updated 12/14/2020: https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2267.pdf</p> <p>Influenza Surveillance Data Oregon Surveillance Data, Flu Bites: Link</p>	
<p>Discussion: Topics for future meetings and reports All members and attendees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza season updates • HAI statewide and national trends update • Roza Tammer: • Looking into the Crystal Ball: How COVID-19 May Impact HAIs: https://shea-online.org/index.php/membership/sheajournal-club/52-shea-journal-club/journal-club-article/865-looking-into-the-crystal-ball-how-covid-19-may-impact-healthcare-associated-infections • Hospital surveys through the Oregon PHD and CMS are in progress. • The COVID-19 toolkit is available through the CMS website, https://www.cms.gov/. 	
<p>Public comment</p>		
<p>Final roll call and adjourn</p>		

Next meeting will be March 10, 2021, 1:00pm-2:15pm via webinar only.

Submitted by Laura LaLonde

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Reviewed by Roza Tammer