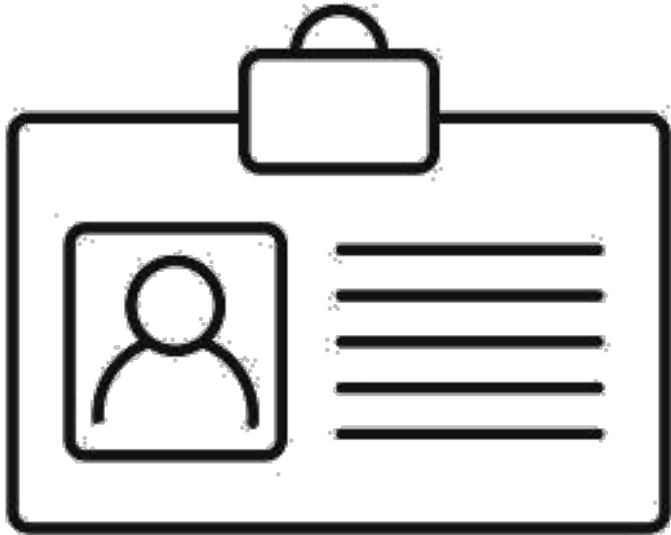




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Meet the Team



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Learning Objectives

- Learners will be able to understand COVID-19 data and use it to inform their IP practice.
- Learners will be able to utilize the APIC guide to long-term care as a reference for policies, procedures and the IP plan.
- Learners will utilize the resources provided regularly in their IP practice.

Although COVID-19 cases and associated hospitalizations have decreased in recent months, COVID-19 remains an ongoing public health challenge

Updated public health tracking* will keep you informed about COVID-19

Hospital admissions



track →

Spread in communities + severity of illness

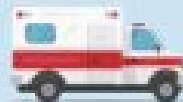
Death certificates



track →

Severity of illness

Emergency department visits



track →

Early signs of spread

Genomic sequencing



tracks →

New variants



Check [COVID.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to know when to take action

*To account for changes in available data after the end of the U.S. Public Health Emergency declaration

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MMWR

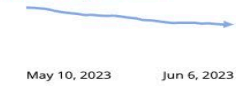
CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

Weekly Update for the United States

Hospitalizations

Hospital Admissions (In Past Week)
7,212

Trend in Hospital Admissions
-6.2% in past week

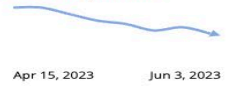


May 10, 2023 Jun 6, 2023

Deaths

% Due to COVID-19 (In Past Week)
1.2%

Trend in % COVID-19 Deaths
-14.3% in past week




Apr 15, 2023 Jun 3, 2023

Vaccinations

% with Updated Booster Dose
17.0%

Total Population



Total Hospitalizations

6,176,446


Total Deaths

1,131,439


Total Updated Booster Doses

56,478,510

CDC | Hospitalization data through: June 3, 2023; Death data through: June 3, 2023; Vaccination data through: May 10, 2023. Posted: June 8, 2023 5:13 PM ET



View Trends >
in Hospitalizations, Deaths, Emergency Visits, and Test Positivity.



View Maps >
of Hospitalizations, Deaths, Emergency Visits, and Test Positivity.

COVID Data Basics

Stay up to date on the most recent data on hospitalizations, deaths, emergency visits, and vaccinations.

- Hospitalizations
- Deaths
- Emergency Visits
- Vaccination Distribution & Coverage
- Vaccine Effectiveness & Breakthrough Surveillance

Variants, Wastewater, and More

Explore COVID-19 data focused on variants, wastewater surveillance, and post-COVID conditions.

- Variants & Genomic Surveillance
- Traveler-Based Genomic Surveillance
- Wastewater Surveillance
- Post-COVID Conditions

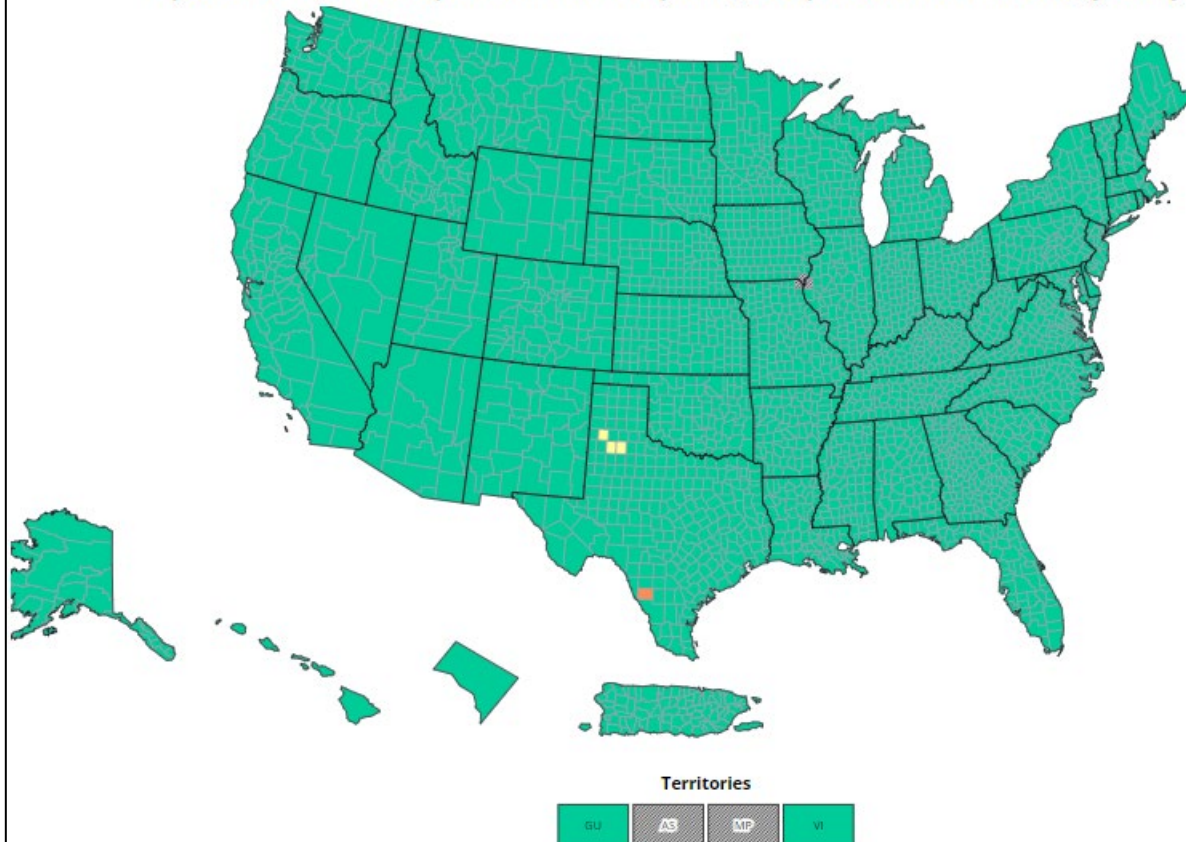
COVID-19 hospital admissions levels in U.S. by county

Based on new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population

	Total	Percent	% Change
≥ 20.0	1	0.03%	-0.09%
10.0 - 19.9	3	0.09%	-0.09%
<10.0	3215	99.88%	0.09%

Time Period: New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) are calculated using data from the MMWR week (Sun-Sat) ending July 8, 2023.

Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week, by County – United States



United States COVID-19 Hospitalizations, Deaths, Emergency Department (ED) Visits, and Test Positivity by Geographic Area

Maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates weekly for the previous MMWR week (Sunday-Saturday) on Thursdays (Deaths, Emergency Department Visit, Test Positivity) and weekly the following Mondays (Hospitalizations) by 8 pm ET¹

[View Footnotes and Download Data](#)

COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (PAST WEEK)

6,228

% CHANGE IN COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

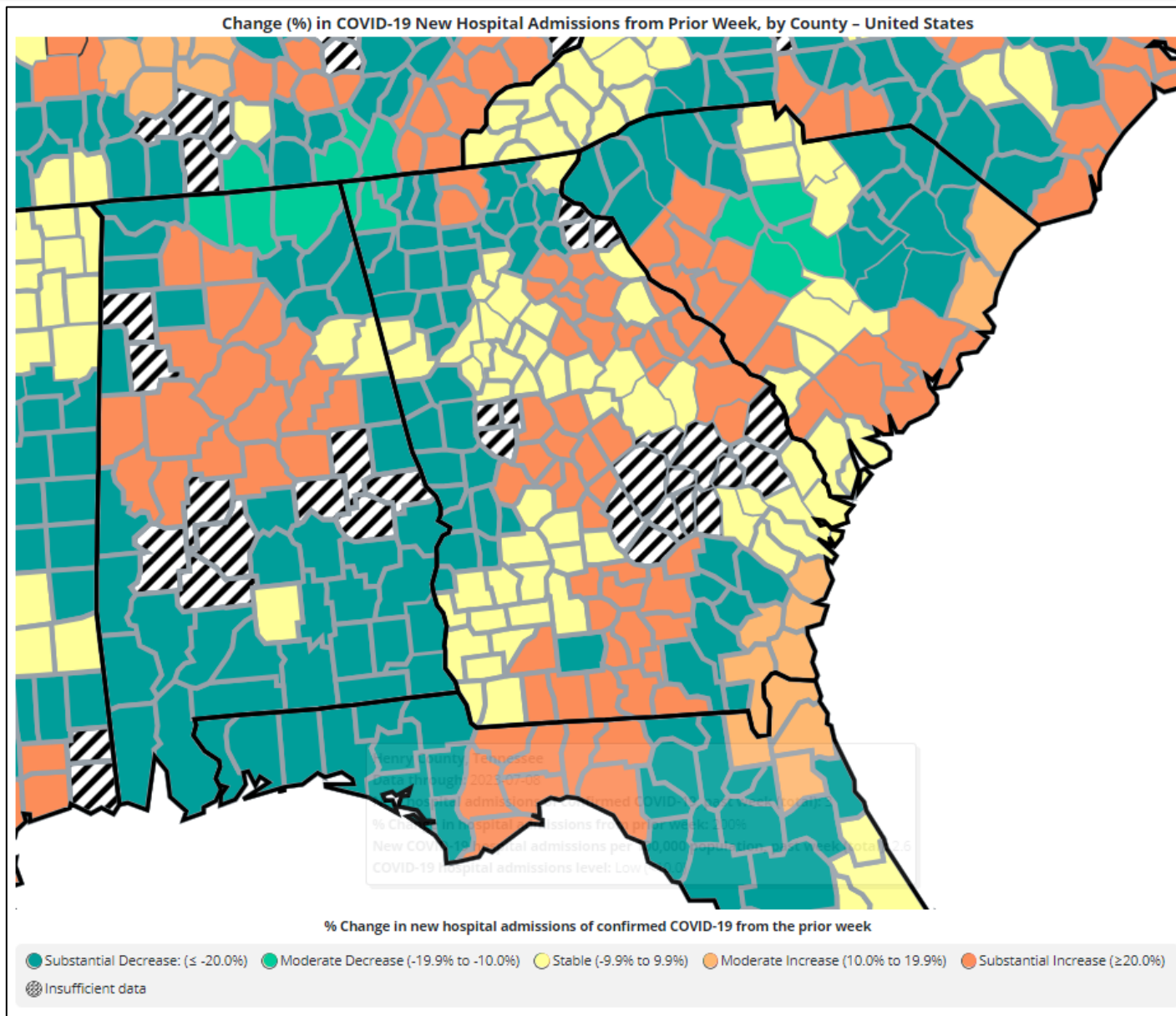
-0.9%

COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS PER 100,000 (PAST WEEK)

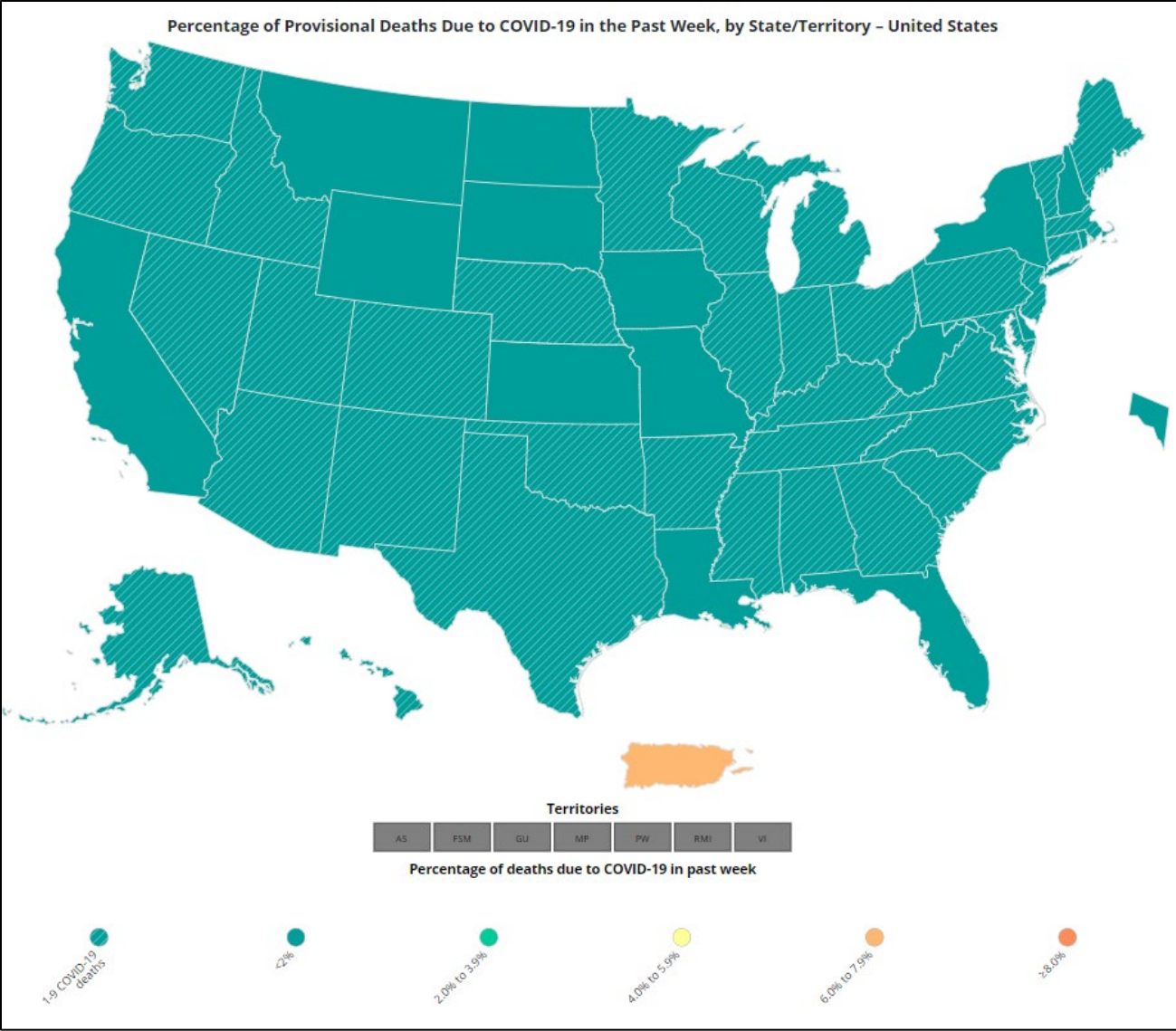
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CDC | Data through: July 8, 2023. Posted: July 20, 2023

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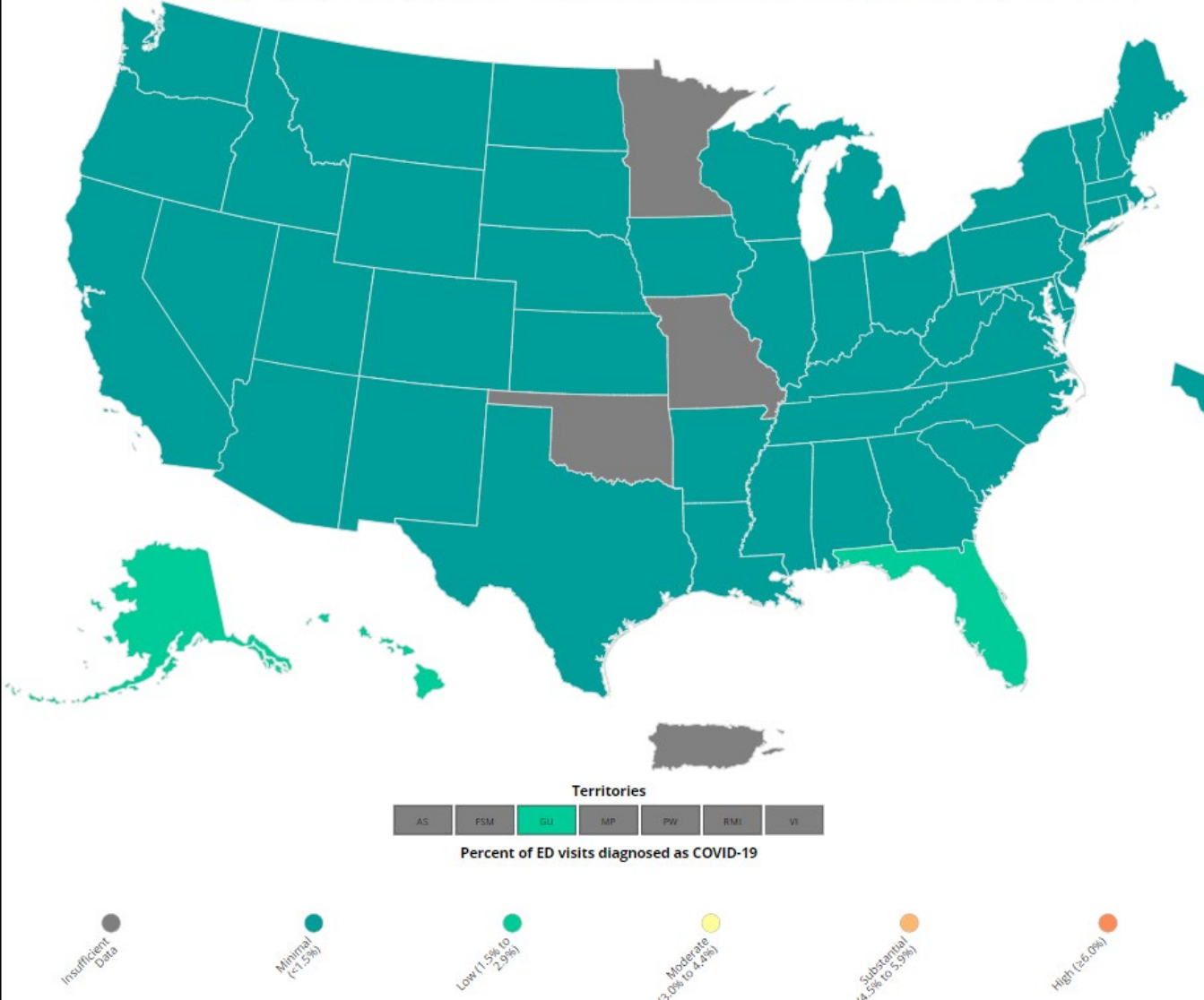


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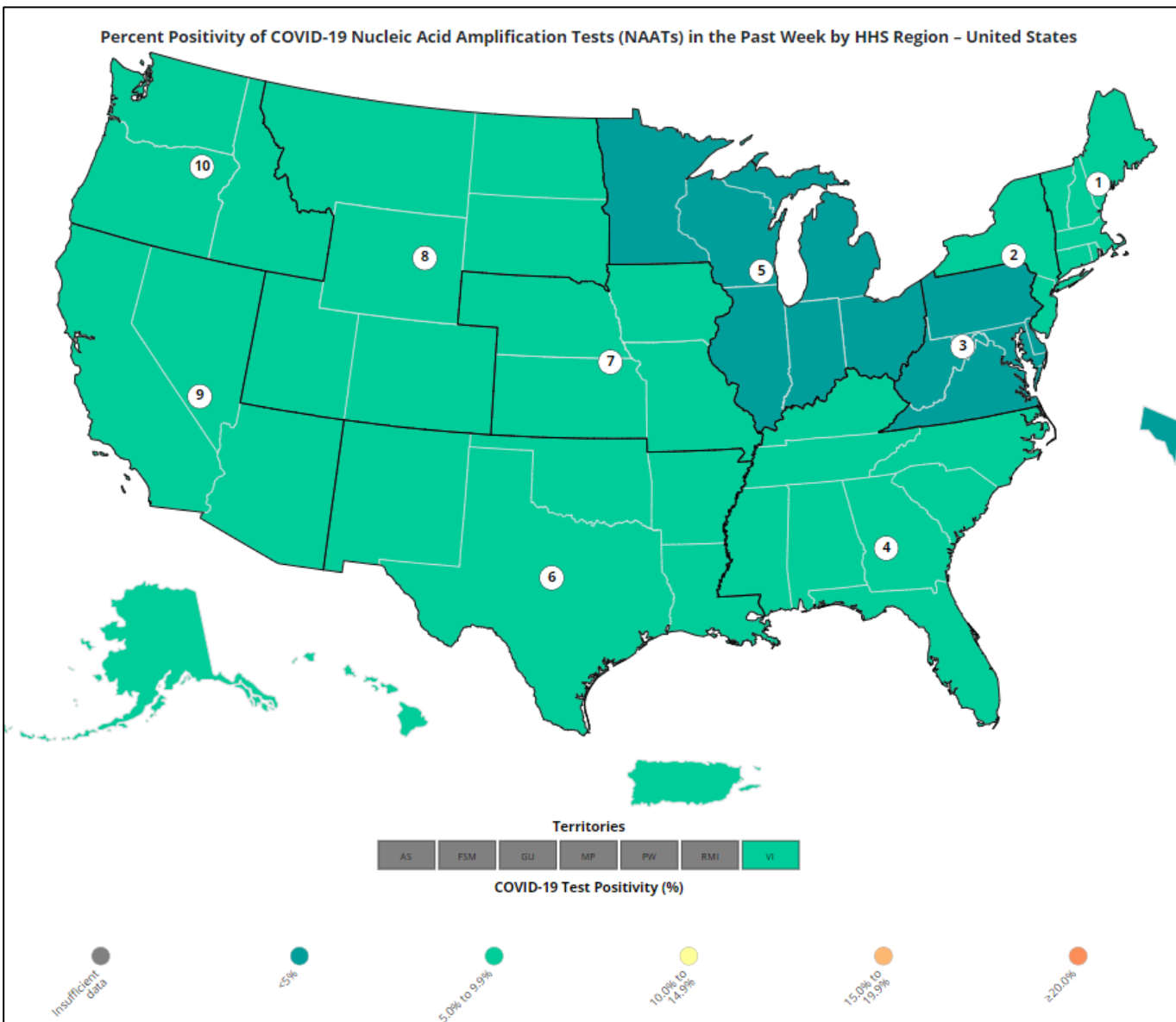


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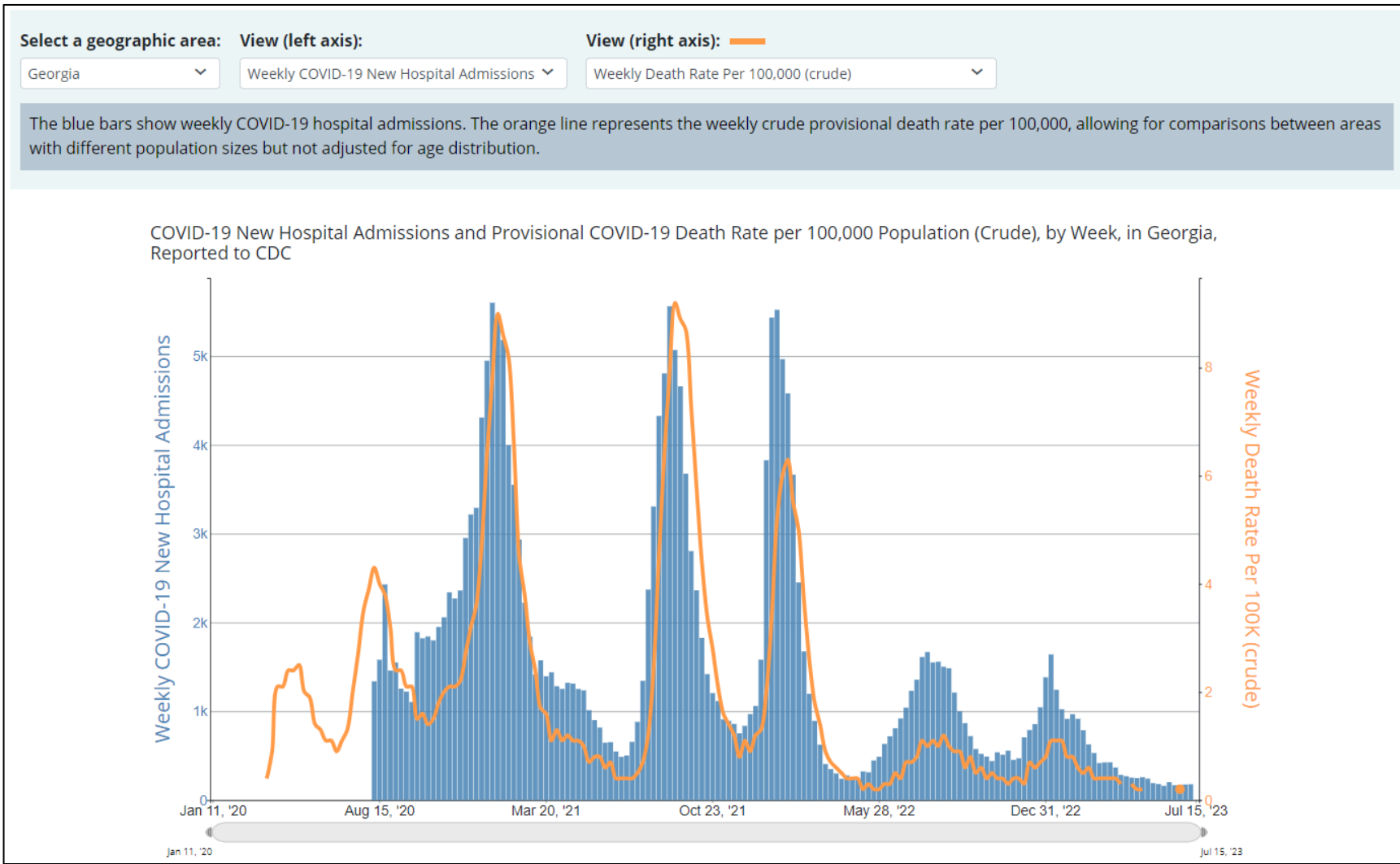
Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits with Diagnosed COVID-19 in the Past Week, by State/Territory - United States



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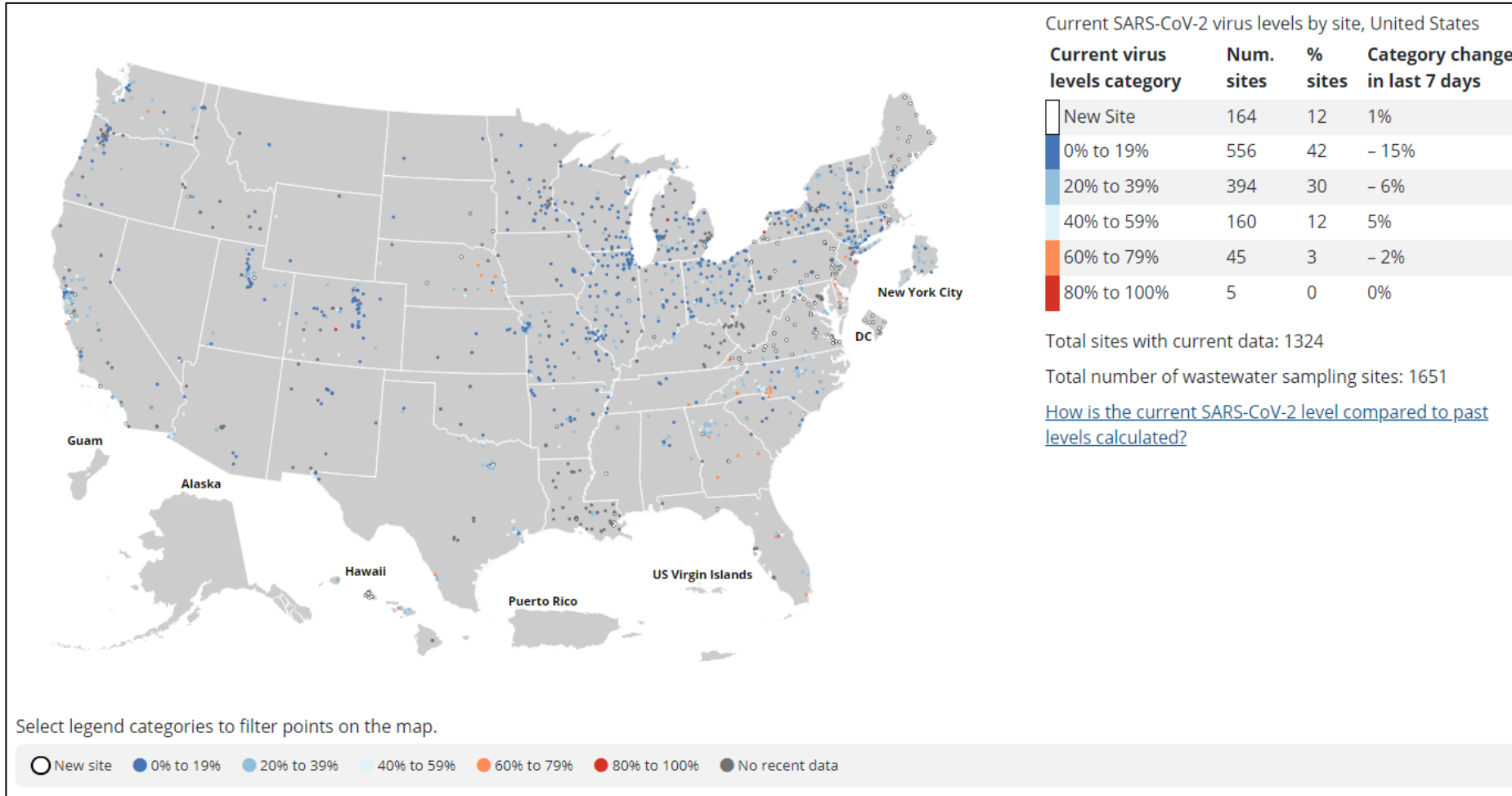


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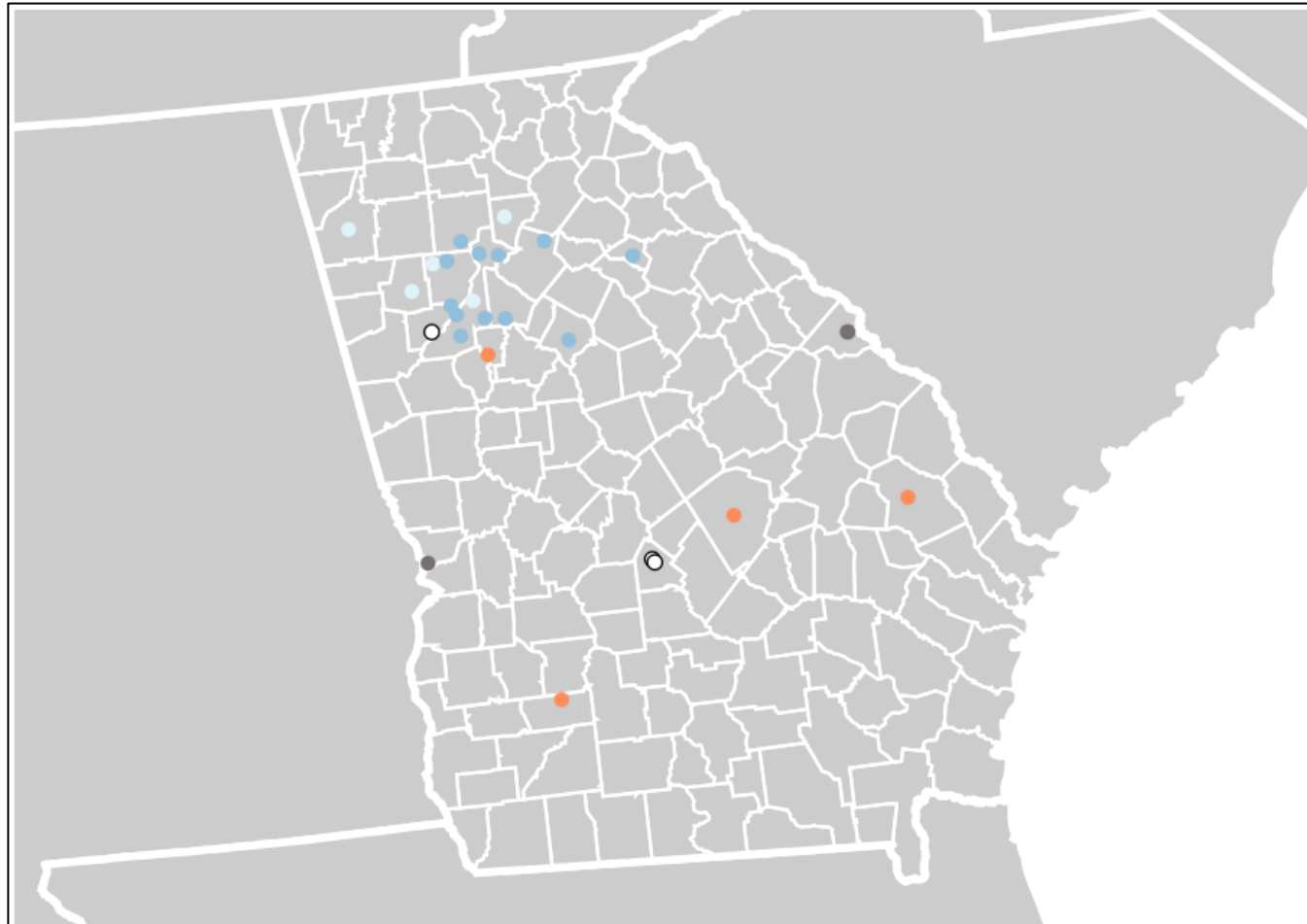


https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_weeklyhospitaladmissions_weeklydeathratecrude_13

Wastewater Surveillance



<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#wastewater-surveillance>



Current SARS-CoV-2 virus levels by site, Georgia

Current virus levels category	Num. sites	% sites	Category change in last 7 days
New Site	3	13	0%
0% to 19%	0	0	N/A**
20% to 39%	12	50	0%
40% to 59%	5	21	- 38%
60% to 79%	4	17	33%
80% to 100%	0	0	N/A**

Total sites with current data: 24

Total number of wastewater sampling sites: 27

[How is the current SARS-CoV-2 level compared to past levels calculated?](#)

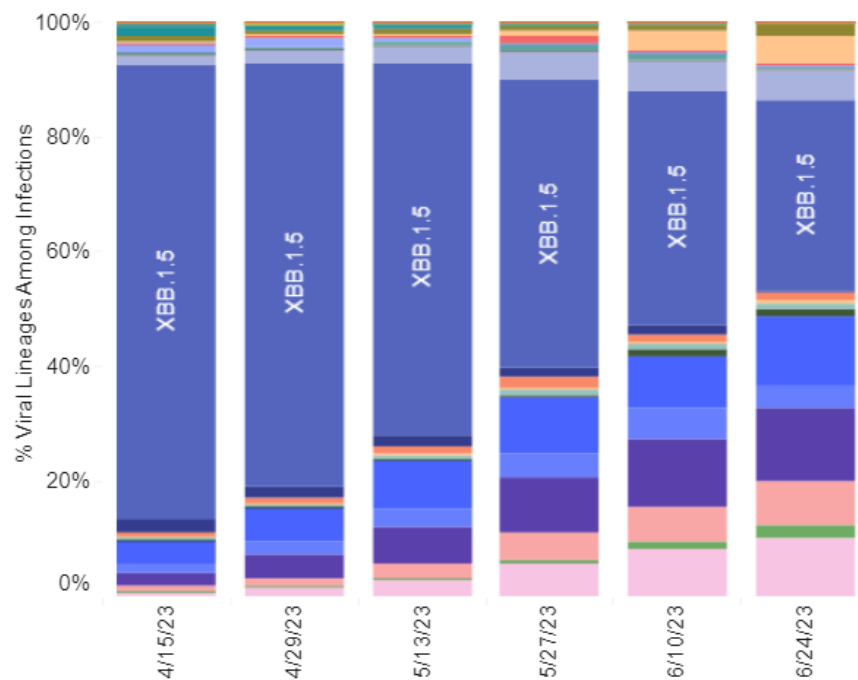
Select legend categories to filter points on the map.

- New site
- 0% to 19%
- 20% to 39%
- 40% to 59%
- 60% to 79%
- 80% to 100%
- No recent data

Weighted and Nowcast Estimates in United States for 2-Week Periods in 4/2/2023 – 7/22/2023

Hover over (or tap in mobile) any lineage of interest to see the amount of uncertainty in that lineage's estimate.

Weighted Estimates: Variant proportions based on reported genomic sequencing results



Collection date, two-week period ending

Nowcast:
Model-based projected estimates of variant proportions



Selected 2-week

Nowcast Estimates in United States for 7/9/2023 – 7/22/2023

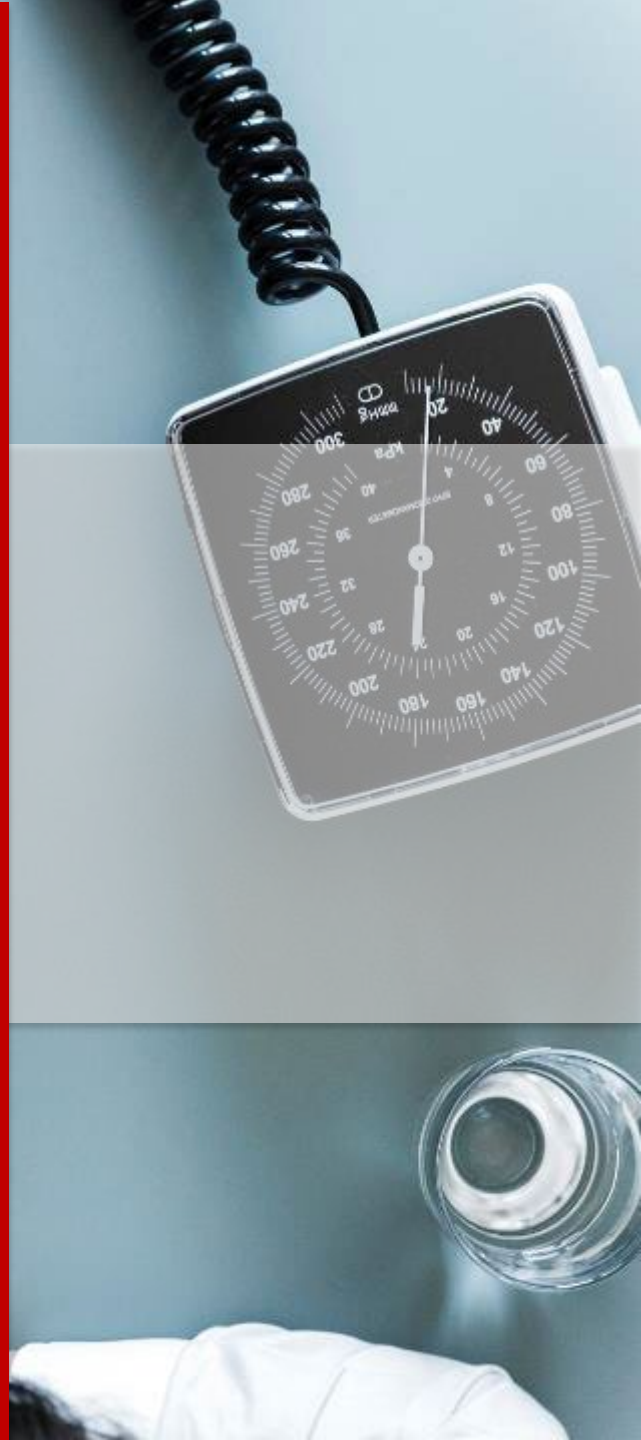
USA

WHO label	Lineage #	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	XBB.1.16	14.8%	12.2-17.8%
	XBB.1.9.1	13.2%	8.3-20.3%
	XBB.2.3	13.0%	10.4-16.1%
	XBB.1.5	12.3%	10.2-14.7%
	EG.5	11.4%	8.3-15.3%
	XBB.1.16.6	9.3%	5.4-15.4%
	XBB.1.16.1	8.8%	7.4-10.4%
	XBB.1.9.2	5.6%	4.0-7.8%
	XBB	3.0%	1.8-4.9%
	XBB.1.5.72	2.2%	1.2-3.9%
	CH.1.1	1.7%	0.8-3.6%
	FE.1.1	1.1%	0.6-2.0%
	XBB.1.5.68	1.0%	0.6-1.7%
	XBB.1.5.10	1.0%	0.6-1.6%
	EU.1.1	0.6%	0.3-1.0%
	XBB.1.5.59	0.4%	0.2-1.0%
	XBB.1.5.1	0.3%	0.2-0.5%
	FD.2	0.0%	0.0-0.1%
	BA.2	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BN.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BQ.1.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.5	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BQ.1	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.2.75	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*	0.1%	0.0-0.1%

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>

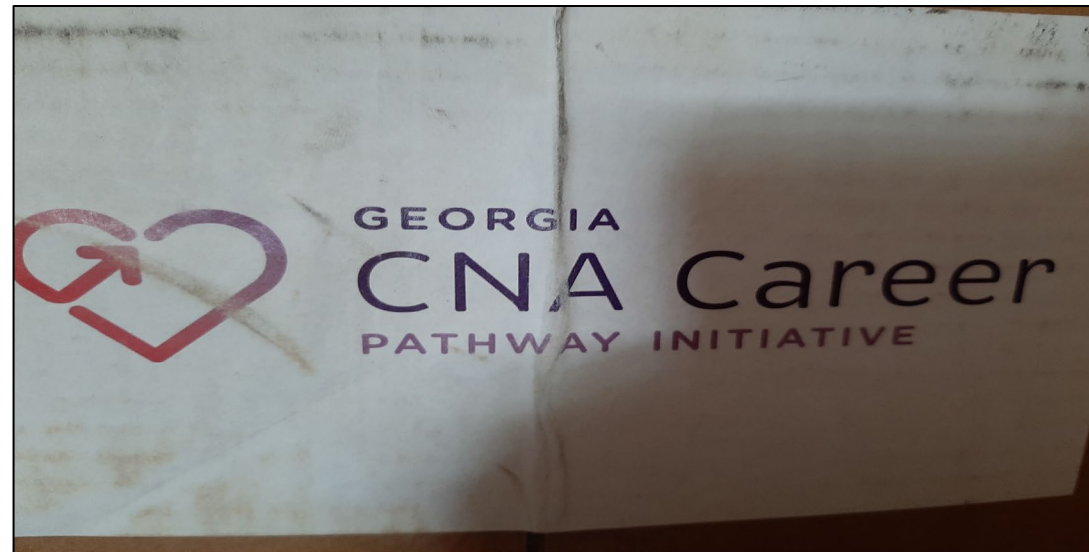


Infection Prevention Resource Box



Infection Prevention Resource Box

- Arriving to your facility from Georgia Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Career Pathway Initiative



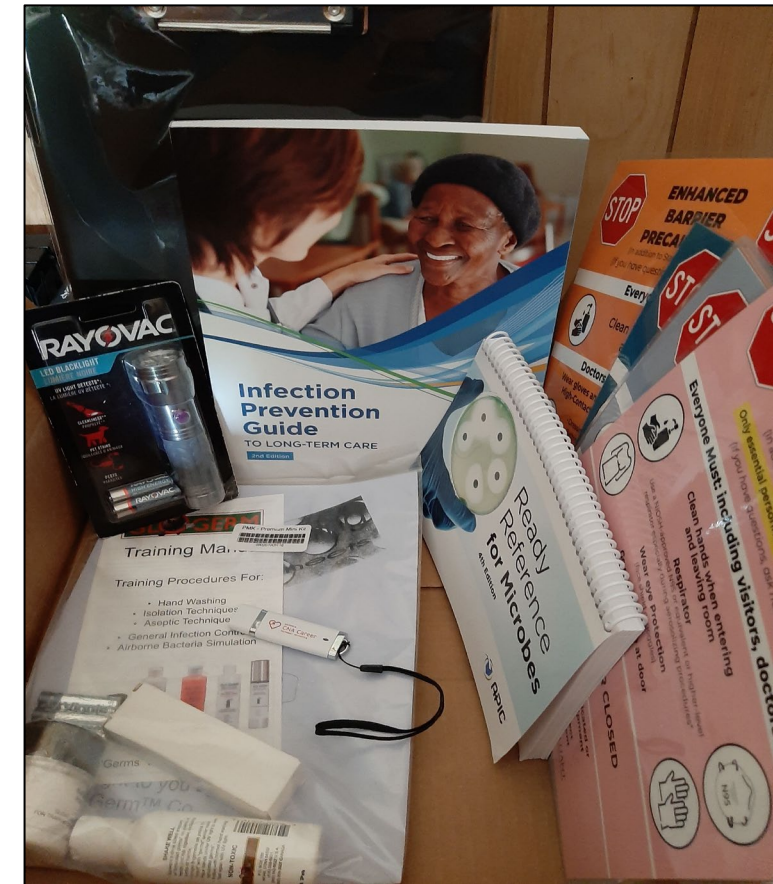
Polling Question

- Have you received your resource box?
 - Yes
 - No

Infection Prevention Resource Box

Contents:

- USB drive with files
- APIC Infection Prevention Guide to Long-Term Care
- APIC Ready Reference for Microbes
- Glo Germ Kit
- Printed Signage



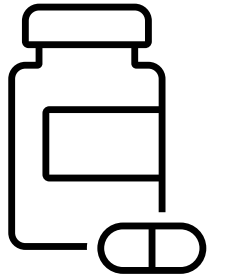
Jump Drive Contents

- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Hand Hygiene
- Infection Control Signs and Education
- NHSN
- Outbreak Management
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Professional Assistance
- Refrigerator Maintenance
- Risk Assessment



Jump Drive – Antibiotic Stewardship

- Antibiotic Stewardship Document
 - List of references and resources helpful in the development and review of the antibiotic stewardship program
 - Clinical staff education resources, including new hire information
 - Free continuing education opportunities for clinicians



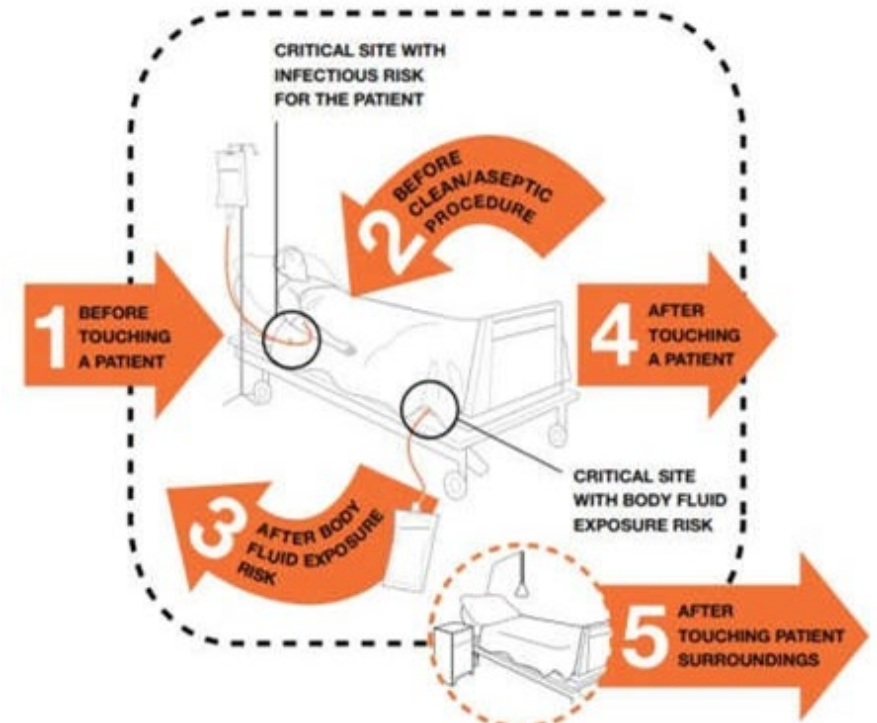
Jump Drive – Cleaning and Disinfection

- EPA Approved Disinfectants for Healthcare
- Environmental Services (EVS) - APIC Toolkit Resource
- EVS Cleaning
- Audit tool
- Housekeeping Checklist
- How to read a disinfectant label
- Infection prevention environmental rounds checklist
- STRIVE Environmental Services Training Module
- Water Management
 - CDC Water Management Toolkit
 - Guidance commissioning of water systems after prolonged shutdown or disruption of services



Jump Drive – Hand Hygiene

- Five Moments of HH Graphic
- GDPH Audit Log for HH
- Hand Hygiene Informational Resources
- WHO and CDC HH Resources



Jump Drive – Infection Control Precautions

- Ready to Print Signage
 - Contact
 - Contact Enteric
 - Droplet
 - Airborne Contact
 - Aerosol Contact
 - Enhanced Barrier
- Resident and Family Educational Flyers for each type of precautions
- LTCF Transmission Based Precautions and Recommendations in Healthcare Settings
 - Table of requirements according to the route of transmission
 - Supply cart stocking list example

RESIDENT, FAMILY, AND VISITORS

Contact Enteric Precautions



You or your loved one is in Contact Enteric Precautions. These precautions prevent spread of infection between residents in LTCFs. This type of infection is spread by directly touching the resident or something they have touched.

A light brown sign saying "Contact Enteric Precautions" is outside the room letting staff, families, and visitors know what they can do to help keep safe.

As a resident, family, or visitor you must help by:

- Cleaning hands with soap and water when you enter and leave the room.
- Family and visitors should not eat in room.
- Limiting where you go outside the room unless given permission by the nurse so that germs are not spread to other residents, visitors, and staff.
- Asking doctors and staff to wash their hands as they enter and leave the room even if they are using gloves.
- Limiting visitors to close contacts only.

You will see doctors and staff doing the following:

Hand Hygiene

- Cleaning hands before and after caring for the resident.

Transportation

- If the resident needs to go out of the room, staff will help resident to wear a clean gown.
- Staff will clean their hands.

Gloves, Gowns, Masks, Goggles

- They must wear gloves and gown while in the room and remove them before leaving.
- They might also wear mask and goggles.

If you have additional questions about Contact Enteric Precautions, ask your nurse.

Jump Drive

- NHSN
 - Resources
 - Revised McGeer Criteria Checklist
- Outbreak Management
 - Example Outbreak Management policy
 - Notifiable Diseases and Conditions
 - Print and hang at your desk for easy reference

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE CONDITION REPORTING

All Georgia physicians, laboratories, and other health care providers are required by law to report patients with the following conditions.

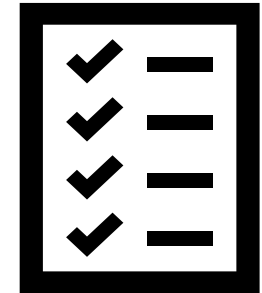
REPORT IMMEDIATELY		REPORT WITHIN 7 DAYS	
<p>To Report Immediately Call: District Health Office or 1-866-PUB-HLTH (1-866-782-4584)</p>			
<p>any cluster of illnesses</p> <p>animal bites</p> <p>• anthrax</p> <p>all acute arboviral infections*</p> <p>• botulism</p> <p>• brucellosis</p> <p>cholera</p> <p>diphtheria</p> <p><i>E. coli</i> O157</p> <p>/hemophilus influenzae (meningeal)</p> <p>hantavirus pulmonary syndrome</p> <p>hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)</p> <p>hepatitis A (acute)</p> <p>measles (rubella)</p> <p>• melioidosis</p> <p>meningitis (specify agent)</p> <p>meningococcal disease (invasive)</p>	<p>novel influenza A virus infections</p> <p>novel respiratory viruses (COVID-19, SARS, MERS, etc.) POSITIVE - NEGATIVE LABORATORIS ALL TEST TYPES</p> <p>• orthopoxviruses (smallpox, monkeypox)</p> <p>peritussis</p> <p>• plague</p> <p>poliomyelitis</p> <p>• Q fever</p> <p>rabies (human & animal)</p> <p>shiga toxin positive tests</p> <p><i>S. aureus</i> with vancomycin MIC \geq 4μg/ml</p> <p>syphilis (adult)</p> <p>syphilis during pregnancy</p> <p>tuberculosis</p> <p>latent TB infection in children \leq 5 years old</p> <p>• tularemia</p> <p>• viral hemorrhagic fevers</p>	<p>AIDS**</p> <p>acute bacterial meningitis</p> <p>anaplasmosis</p> <p>aseptic meningitis</p> <p>babesiosis</p> <p>blood lead level (all)</p> <p>campylobacteriosis</p> <p>Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE): Enterobacter species, Escherichia coli, and Klebsiella species</p> <p>chancroid</p> <p>Chlamydia trachomatis (genital infection)</p> <p>Creatinuria, Jakob Disease (CJD), suspected cases, under age 5[§]</p> <p>cryptosporidiosis</p> <p>cyclosporiasis</p> <p>ebulliosis</p> <p>giardiasis</p> <p>gonorrhea</p> <p>HIV infection#</p> <p>Perinatal HIV exposure#</p> <p>hearing impairment (permanent under age 5)**</p> <p>hepatitis B</p> <p>– acute hepatitis B</p> <p>– chronic (HBsAg+) or HBV DNA detected infections</p> <p>– 1 HBsAg(+) pregnant women</p> <p>– Perinatal HIV exposure</p> <p>hepatitis C (past or present)</p> <p>– anti-HCV(+)</p> <p>– HCV RNA detected</p> <p>– HCV genotype detected</p> <p>– anti-HCV(+) or HCV RNA detected pregnant women</p>	<p>– anti-HCV(+) or HCV RNA detected children ages $<$3 years</p> <p>hepatitis D (Delta virus present with HBsAg); acute and chronic</p> <p>hepatitis E (acute)</p> <p>influenza-associated death (all ages)</p> <p>legionellosis</p> <p>leptospirosis</p> <p>listeriosis**</p> <p>leprosy or Hansen's disease (Mycobacterium leprae)</p> <p>Lyme disease</p> <p>lymphogranuloma venereum</p> <p>malaria</p> <p>maternal deaths (during pregnancy or within 1 year of end of pregnancy)**</p> <p>mumps</p> <p>parvovirus</p> <p>Rocky Mountain spotted fever</p> <p>rubella (including congenital)</p> <p>salmoneellosis</p> <p>shigellosis</p> <p>staphylococcal disease, Group A or B (invasive)**</p> <p>Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive)**</p> <p>– report with antibiotic-resistance information</p> <p>tetanus</p> <p>toxic shock syndrome</p> <p>typhoid</p> <p>Varicella (Chickenpox)</p> <p>Vibrio infections</p> <p>yersiniosis</p>
<p>REPORT WITHIN 1 MONTH</p> <p>Birth Defects, including fetal deaths of at least 20 weeks gestational age and children under age 6. Information for reporting birth defects is available at dph.georgia.gov/birth-defects-reporting.</p> <p>Healthcare associated infections (HAI) for facilities required to report IQR data to CMS via NCHS. Report in accordance with the NCHS protocol. Reporting requirements and information available at dph.georgia.gov/notifiable-hai-reporting.</p> <p>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Information for reporting NAS is available at dph.georgia.gov/nas.</p>			
<p>REPORT WITHIN 6 MONTHS</p> <p>Brain and central nervous system tumors</p> <p>Cancer</p> <p>Report forms and reporting information for tumors and cancer is available at dph.georgia.gov/georgia-comprehensive-cancer-registry.</p>			

For more information:
www.dph.ga.gov/disease-reporting



Jump Drive – PPE

- PPE Audit Tool
- PPE Resources
- Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)
 - One-stop shop to create RPP documentation binder
- RPP Resources
 - OSHA Fit testing process and requirements
 - User seal check instructions
 - Video demonstrations



Jump Drive – Professional Assistance

- Contact information
 - APIC
 - Georgia DPH IP Team
 - Georgia Project Firstline
 - Georgia Infection Prevention Network (GIPN)
 - Long Term Care Certification (LTC-CIP)



Jump Drive – Refrigerator Maintenance

- Medication refrigerator and freezer temperature log
- Nourishment refrigerator and freezer temperature log
- Cleaning and monitoring of refrigerators, freezers, and ice machines example policy

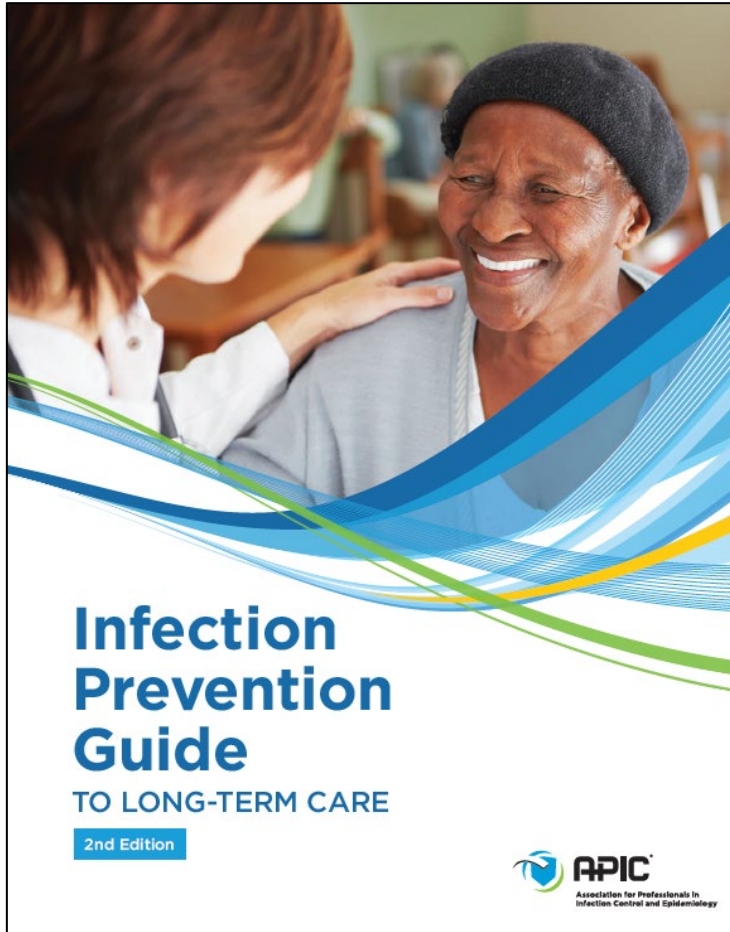


Jump Drive – Risk Assessment

- Fillable Infection Prevention Risk Assessment with risk ranking for prioritization

EVENT					Impact on Resident/Staff				Capacity to Detect				Readiness to Prevent			YEAR: 20__ RISK LEVEL Add rankings (score of 8 or >are considered highest priority for improvement efforts)
	High	Med	Low	None	Life Threat ening	Perma nent Harm	Temp Harm	None	High	Med	Low	None	Poor	Fair	Good	
Score	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	
<i>Sample Lack Hand Hygiene Compliance</i>	3				3				2				2			10
External Factors (Community, Demographics)																
Identify other risk factors in the community based on geographic location (coast, mountains etc.)																
Risk of TB in the community																0
Risk of emerging infectious disease in the community																0
Other (specify): _____																0
Facility Related Factors																
Facility Associated Infection(s)																
Symptomatic urinary tract infection (SUTI)																0
Influenza like illness																0
Pneumonia																0

APIC Guide to Long-Term Care



- Included in IP Resource Box that will be arriving at skilled nursing facilities throughout Georgia.
- Intended to aid in developing an evidence-based infection prevention and control program.
- Complete with sample policies, signage, audit tools and more.

Chapters

- Infection Prevention in Long Term Care
- Regulatory Compliance
- Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Reporting
- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Standard and Transmission Based Precautions
- Medical Needs and Treatment Modalities
- Vaccinations
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Services
- Water Management Program
- Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
- Interdisciplinary and Support Services
- Appendix

Development of Policies and Procedures

- Policies should be based on current scientific evidence, best practice guidelines and expert consensus documents.
 - Utilize APIC Guide to LTC chapters and references in policy development.
- Policies and procedures (P&P) should be reviewed annually and revised as needed.
- Documentation must reflect the review process.
- Infection preventionist should review policies and procedures involving direct resident care, placement or manipulation of medical devices, etc.

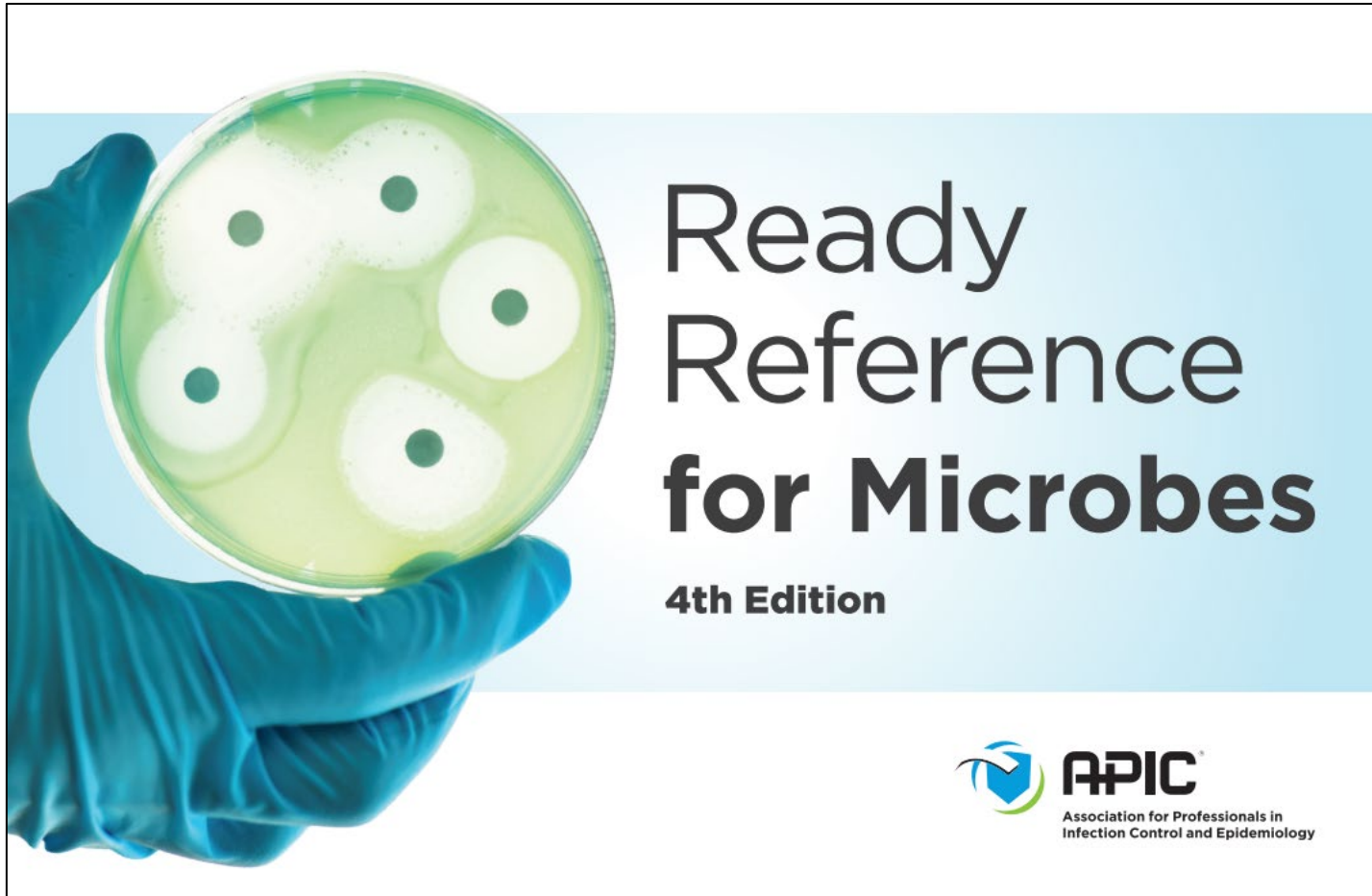
Policies and Procedures

- Infection Prevention-owned policies
 - IP manual or individual policies
 - Infection prevention plan
 - Surveillance system to identify infectious and communicable diseases
 - Process for reporting incidents of communicable diseases
 - Employee health to include a process for restricting staff when necessary and respiratory protection program
 - Staff training in IP core practices
 - IP Practices such as hand hygiene
- IP should review policies owned by other departments to ensure evidence-based
 - Environmental cleaning and disinfection
 - Nursing care policies (catheter care, central line maintenance and infusion, etc.)

Infection Prevention Risk Assessment

- Tools:
 - [CDC](#)
 - Jump Drive
- Completion of Risk Assessment
- Complete annually and when events or situations dictate
 - Multidisciplinary
 - Include: EVS, Maintenance/Facilities, DON, Administrator, therapy, medical director
 - Gather data to inform preparedness and likelihood
 - Surveillance data
 - Risk Events (flooding, safety events, outbreaks)
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Audit data

Ready Reference for Microbes



This quick reference guide is intended to provide straightforward information for IPs.

Quick Facts are available for common pathogens such as *C. diff.* and influenza.

Chapters

- Bacteria
- Common commensals
- Fungi
- Parasites
- Viruses
- Bioterrorism agents
- Antimicrobial therapies

Case Study – Using the Ready Reference For Microbes

- You receive a new laboratory report for Mr. Jones, a facility resident. He has a new urine culture that grew out >100k cfu/ml of *Alcaligenes faecalis*.
- You realize this is a bacteria you are unfamiliar with and would like to learn more.

Alcaligenes faecalis

- You review the index of Ready Reference for Microbes and find this bacteria on page 5.

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Corynebacterium, 13

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Edwardsiella, 14

Ehrlichia, 14

Eikenella, 14

Elizabethkingia, 15

Alcaligenes faecalis

- Gram-negative rod found in the environment (soil, water)
- Healthcare-associated infections include septicemia, bacteremia, ocular or ear infections, pancreatic abscesses, pneumonia and urinary tract infection (UTI)
- Modes of transmission
 - Environmental contact
 - Contaminated solutions or instruments

Actions to Take

- Isolation precautions?
 - Review the [2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions](#)
- Root cause analysis
 - Review for recent urological procedures or instrumentation
 - If recent hospitalization or urology visit, communicate findings with the provider or hospital IP



Glow Germ Kit

- Hand hygiene
- Aseptic technique
- Environmental surface cleaning
- Cross contamination
- Food preparation



Hand Hygiene Training



<https://youtu.be/h-O279tiR3s>

Environmental Cleaning Training with Glo Germ

- Apply a small amount of glo-germ powder or lotion to high-touch surface(s)
 - Ensure the surface is non-porous
- Use UV light to verify simulated germs are visible and note the areas of application
- Allow for staff to clean and disinfect the area as they normally would
- Use UV light to review areas where simulated germs were applied to visualize how effective the cleaning techniques were

Respiratory Protection Resource Box

- Contents
- 3M FT-30 Fit Test Apparatus
 - Hood with collar
 - Nebulizers and solutions
 - Laminated user instructions from the manufacturer
 - GDPH pocket guides with OSHA regulations
- N-95 Fit Testing
- Annual N-95 fit testing is still necessary despite the end of the public health emergency, so facilities are prepared to manage respiratory threats safely.

Use These Resources to Study for Your Certification

Certification options:

- A-IPC
- LTC-CIP
- CIC
- Learn more about the requirements for each [here](#)



Questions?



Alliant Health Solutions Resources

GA STRIKE & SUPPORT TEAM

Join us for the Georgia Department of Public Health Strike (& Support) Team Office Hours. These sessions will consist of a regularly scheduled monthly webinar for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) as well as SNF medical directors. Office hours are your opportunity to come and learn, share, vent and more!

Each month we will have updates on infection prevention, clinical protocols and ideas for new tools and resources. This is your chance is to access subject matter experts on infection control and clinical practice in long term care.

Come prepared to pose your questions to subject matter experts and learn from your peers about their best practices and their barriers.

Strike & Support Team Office Hours

Office Hours for SNF and MD's:

- [Click here](#) to register – November 18, 2022 at 11 a.m. ET
- [Click here](#) to register – December 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. ET

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Bite Sized Learning:

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Infection Control Resources

Sepsis

- [HQIC Sepsis Gap Assessment and Action Steps](#)
- [HQIC Sepsis: Spot the Signs Magnet](#)
- [HQIC Sepsis Provider Engagement](#)
- [AQ Sepsis-ZoneTool](#)
- [Recognition and Management of Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock](#)

Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)

- [CAUTI Gap Assessment Tool](#)
- [Urinary Catheter Quick Observation Tool](#)
- [CDC-HICPAC Guideline for Prevention of CAUTI 2009](#)
- [AHRQ Toolkit for Reducing CAUTI in Hospitals](#)
- [CDC TAP CAUTI Implementation Guide](#)

Hand Hygiene

- [Handwash the FROG Way – Badges – English](#)
- [Handwash the FROG Way – Badges – Spanish](#)
- [Handwash the FROG Way – Poster – English](#)
- [Handwash the FROG Way – Poster – Spanish](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions – Alcohol Based Hand Rub](#)

NHSN

- [Joining the Alliant Health Solutions NHSN Group](#)
- [Instructions for Submitting C. difficile Data into NHSN](#)
- [5-Step Enrollment for Long-term Care Facilities](#)
- [CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network \(NHSN\)](#)
- [NHSN Enrollment/ LAN Event Presentation](#)

Clostridioides Difficile Infection (C. difficile)

- [C.difficile Training](#)
- [Nursing Home Training Sessions Introduction](#)
- [Nursing Home C.difficile Infection](#)

Antibiotic Stewardship

- [Antibiotic Stewardship Basics](#)
- [A Field Guide to Antibiotic Stewardship In Outpatient Settings](#)
- [Physician Commitment Letter](#)
- [Be Antibiotics Aware](#)
- [Taking Your Antibiotics](#)

Training

- [Options for Infection Control Training in Nursing Homes Flyer](#)

COVID-19

- [Invest in Trust \(AHRQ Resource for CNA COVID-19 Vaccines\)](#)
- [Nursing Home Staff and Visitor Screening Toolkit – PDF](#)
- [Nursing Home Staff and Visitor Screening Toolkit – Excel](#)

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Thank you!

Consult with the DPH Team! We are here to help!

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