

DADS Education Events for Infection Control in Long-term Care 2015

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Texas Department of State Health Services are hosting a series of joint training conferences around the state to increase awareness of infection control and regulatory requirements in assisted living facilities, nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities.

The events are free and participants can earn continuing education credits. Handouts will be provided at the conference. Space is limited; please register early to hold your seat at the web site location

Dates and Locations

July 21, 2015 – Lubbock, Lubbock State Supported Living Center https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IC_Conf_Lubbock.

July 22, 2015 Amarillo, Amarillo Convention Center https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IC_Conf_Amarillo.

Aug. 13, 2015 – Tyler, Location to be determined https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IC_Conf_Tyler.

Agenda

- 7:30-8:20 a.m. Registration/Sign-In
- 8:20-8:30 am Introduction
- 8:30-10:00 Infection Control in Long-Term Care, Consequence and Transmission
- 10:00-10:45 Surveillance and Planning
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:10 Vaccine Preventable Disease
- 12:10-1:25 Lunch, on your own
- 1:25-2:55 Superbugs (MDROs: MRSA, CRE, VRE)
- 2:55-3:10 Break
- 3:10-4:10 DADS-Regulatory Services Wrap-Up
- 4:10-4:50 Q & A Panel
- 4:50-5:00 Evaluations

See <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/qualitymatters/infectioncontrol.html> for more information.

Member Alert:

Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs) – including Carbapenem-Resistant *Enterobacteriaceae* (CRE) and Multidrug-Resistant *Acinetobacter* (MDR-A) – have been reportable in Texas since April of 2014. DSHS is currently preparing a report of the burden of MDROs in Texas to allow healthcare providers and healthcare facilities to be better aware of the risk of MDROs to their patients. With over 1000 cases of MDROs in 2014 alone, maintaining excellent infection control practices remains a top priority for healthcare facilities, including long term care facilities. DSHS, in partnership with the Texas Society for Infection Control and Prevention (TSICP) provided free Infection Prevention training focusing on *Clostridium difficile* and MDROs at 18 sites for over 400 healthcare professionals around the state. If you missed these trainings you can watch them here: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/IDCU/health/antibiotic_resistance/MDRO-Resources.doc. For questions about MDROs or MDRO reporting, email MDROTexas@dshs.state.tx.us, and please visit the DSHS Antibiotic Resistance webpage at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/antibiotic_resistance/.