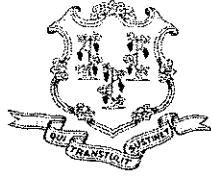


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**BLAST FAX 2019-3**

TO: Nursing Homes

FROM: Vivian Leung, MD  
Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program  
Coordinator (HAI Program)

DATE: March 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Certificate of Training in Infection Prevention in the Long-Term Care Setting

Please see attached communications from the HAI Section of the Department of Public Health.

Please contact Dr. Vivian Leung at [Vivian.Leung@ct.gov](mailto:Vivian.Leung@ct.gov) / 860-509-7995 with any questions.



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### Infectious Disease Section

February 28, 2019

To Infection Prevention Colleagues:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI-AR) Program is excited to announce our partnership with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) to bring APIC's "Certificate of Training in Infection Prevention in the Long-Term Care Setting" Program to Connecticut. These programs will be fully-funded by the CT DPH HAI-AR Program and offered at three Connecticut locations during the month of March.

As you may know, as of 11/28/19, long term care infection preventionists will be required to meet a number of new CMS requirements, including completion of "specialized training in infection prevention and control." This program will help prepare you for these changes.

Please see the attached flyers for details including program components, 2-day in-person program dates and locations, online classes included, contact hours, and the certificate exam. There is no limit to the number of registrants from each facility, however each location does have a maximum capacity of 50 participants.

All attendees will also receive access to the APIC Text Online (1 year), APIC membership (1 year), and APIC's newly updated *Infection Preventionist's Guide to Long Term Care*.

Please register as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vivian Leung".

Vivian Leung, MD  
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**EPI<sup>®</sup> 101 for LTC:** Monday, March 25, 2019 – Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**Event Location:** Holiday Inn Hartford Downtown Area  
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**Registration:** [http://rise.apic.org/web/apic/Events/Event\\_Display\\_3.aspx?EventKey=HCTLTC](http://rise.apic.org/web/apic/Events/Event_Display_3.aspx?EventKey=HCTLTC)

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**Event Location:** Holiday Inn Bridgeport 1070 Main St, Bridgeport, CT 06604

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**EPI<sup>®</sup> 101 for LTC:** Monday, March 18, 2019 – Tuesday, March 19, 2019

**Event Location:** Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale 155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT 06510

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