

# The IPAC Link Letter

A monthly review of highlights and linked updates from the ever-changing world of Infection Prevention and Control to help you stay current and informed.

## Mark Your Calendars:



SASKPIC Education and Spring meeting: Tuesday April 7th 1300-1430 with Dr. Kathy Malejczyk providing an overview on *Candida auris*

[IPAC Canada 2020 National Education Conference](#): May 3-6th, Winnipeg, Manitoba 20/20 Vision. What's on the Horizon? Start applying for scholarships and funding now. [Diversey info](#) [Gojo info](#) [Clorox info \(new\)](#) [SASKPIC application](#) and [Policy](#)

SASKPIC Fall Conference and AGM: Friday September 18th in Regina

## Highlights from the World of Infection Control:

Wuhan Coronavirus 101: What We Do – and Don't Know ([contains 10 minute NPR podcast](#))

[Wuhan Coronavirus](#): A unique infographic that explains where in the world it is and where it came from

How does Wuhan Coronavirus compare with MERS, SARS, and the Common Cold? [Find out here](#)

[Coronavirus Q & A](#): Separating Fact from Fiction—Great CBC interview with Dr Peter Linn

100 years of Respiratory Protection History – [an historical overview and evolution](#)

[Do's and Don'ts](#) for wearing N95 Respirators in Non-surgical settings

Infection Prevention and YOU: [Don't touch your face](#)

[Poor Infection Control Practices](#) Leads to Deaths of 3 Premature Infants

How does sink design impact Infection Control efforts? [Click here](#)

[Micro Case Study](#): 18 year old male with shortness of breath

How much do you really know about the management of Influenza? [Take this fast five quiz and find out](#)

[Lablogatory](#): Do you take Vitamin D Supplement? Here's a recent overview on Vitamin D

Infection Prevention and YOU: [Infection Prevention in Behavioral Health](#)

[Notes from the Field](#): Zoonotic *Mycobacterium bovis* in Deer Hunters—Michigan 2002-2017

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## Connections

[New CDC video](#): Making Dialysis Safe for Patients

How to promote immunization resiliency in the digital information age: [Series 1](#)

[Updated American recommendations](#) regarding the use of TD or Tdap for the decennial Td booster

IPAC Canada has released a position statement on the Reprocessing of Critical and Semi-Critical Devices in the Community-  
[are you aware of what best practices are recommended?](#)

[Varicella Zoster Virus Management in Health Care Settings](#) New PICNET guidance to address the issues caused by the presence of suspected or confirmed varicella in health care facilities.

[More educational tools](#) and best practice reminders for Asymptomatic Bacteriuria and UTI Diagnosis

CDC has updated its recommendations for hospital [antibiotic stewardship programs](#)

**Upcoming Webber Teleclasses** <http://www.webbertraining.com/schedulep1.php> \*international, or check time

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***Thursday January 30th***: POSITIVE DEVIANCE AND HAND HYGIENE: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE BEST?

***Thursday February 13th***: MALNUTRITION RISK AND HEALTHCARE INFECTION – A MUST DO

***Friday February 19th***:\* DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR HIGH-CONSEQUENCE INFECTION DISEASE PREPAREDNESS

***Thursday February 27th***: ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP IN NURSING HOMES

***Tuesday March 3rd***: THE EFFICACY OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEES IN AFRICAN SETTINGS

***Thursday March 12th***: THE BUZZ AROUND MOSQUITOES AND MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

### Have you heard?

APIC has a podcast called the 5 Second Rule. Episode #4—is Outbreaks: Don't Panic! [Listen here](#)

WHO has designated 2020 as the year of the nurse and midwife—[read here](#)

Antibiotic Resistance is more prevalent in infections linked to Medical Devices (catheters, ventilators)-[read here](#)

AHS has developed a routine practices info sheet for [Corrections Health](#)

## **Answers to Questions You May Need in the Future:**

The reservoir of microbes (or biofilm) of pathogens present in potable water and its delivery network include:

1. *Staphylococci* 2. *Pseudomonas* spp. 3. Nontuberculous *Mycobacteria* 4. *Arthrobacter* spp.

Options: A. 1,2 B. 2,3 C. 1,4 D. 2,4,

Answer found [here](#)

If you have a question or event/project you'd like to share send it to:

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