

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](#)

[Stop Clean Your Hands Day!](#) Tuesday May 5th

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

Highlights from the World of Infection Control:

[John Hopkins Global map of Coronavirus cases](#)- very interactive by country and province/state

New Coronavirus: [It won't be the last outbreak to move from animal to human](#)

[Infection Prevention and You](#): 2019 Novel Coronavirus

[Virology Down Under](#): Is it time to start saying Pandemic and how communities and individuals can prepare?

Interim estimates of [Influenza vaccine effectiveness \(VE\) in Canada](#) (2019-2020)

[Antimicrobial Stewardship failure](#)-is it time for a new model?

Micro Case Study: [A 42 year old male with bacteremia](#)

[Outbreak Report](#): Infection Prevention and Control Lapse at family medical clinic in Ottawa, 2018

Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Majority of COVID-19 cases are mild](#)

[First imported case of COVID-19 in Canada](#) presenting as mild pneumonia

Can Coronavirus be crushed by Warmer Weather? [Find out here](#)

[Did you know there is a worldwide heparin shortage?](#) Running thin, the Canadian situation

Patient Notification Events Due to Syringe Reuse by Health Care Personnel– [Summary and Recommendations](#)

[Whooping Cough Vaccine](#): Check out who needs it and at what age

Follow us on Twitter [@PICNS1](#) for current and interesting stories from the world of Infection Prevention and Control. If you have question or a great resource to share and want to let others know about–contact us infectioncontrol@saskhealthauthority.ca



Connections

Saskatchewan's Coronavirus resources for [the Public](#) and [Health Care Providers](#). If you have suggestions for additional guidance documents or FAQ sheets, please email infectioncontrol@saskhealthauthority.ca

[Public Health Ontario](#) has a webpage of reports and info on COVID-19 that is updated regularly

The National Collaboration Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) has a COVID-19 section on a webpage called [Disease Debrief](#) with quick links for public health and practitioner use. There's also a Podcast page called Infectious Questions – with [4 episodes on COVID19](#): Testing & Diagnosis, Infection Prevention and Control, Engagement with Nurses, and Issues of Stigma and Discrimination

Natasha Salt, Sunnybrook Health Sciences' IPAC Directory has a CTV news clip on whether the [public should use masks for COVID-19 protection](#). She also has her own Web page called [IPAC Ideas](#). Check it out!

The WHO has developed an excellent [introductory video on COVID-19](#) as well as a [web page for the public](#) on how to protect yourself from COVID-19 and Acute Respiratory Infections (ARIs)

[CMAJ News page](#): The latest information on the COVID-19

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

With our provincial subscription, if you miss the live Teleclass, you can always go back and watch at a later date.

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

Thursday March 19th: INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN HOME CARE AND HOSPICE: COMMON COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Thursday April 16th: WATERBORNE PATHOGENS: WHY IS THEIR PROFILE CHANGING

Wednesday April 29th:* SHARPS INJURIES—WHY AREN'T WE AT ZERO?

Have you heard?

... there's a great resource from AHS on when and how to clean [urinary catheter bags?](#)

... that you can get rabies from a bat even if it doesn't bite you? [Recent Utah case study here](#)

... the CDC has updated their list of [hospital grade disinfectants known to be effective *Candida auris*](#)

... about how to avoid getting sick on a Plane: [A Guide to Avoiding Pathogens](#)

Answers to Questions You May Need in the Future:

Maximal barrier precautions for central line insertion include:

1. Sterile surgical gown and gloves
2. Closing the door to the room
3. Nonsterile gown and gloves
4. Mask, cap, sterile drape (head to toe)

Options: a. 1, 4 b. 2, 3 c. 1, 3 d. 2, 4

Answer [here](#)

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

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