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

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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

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