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**Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program**  
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TO: Medical Directors, Nursing Home Administrators, Directors/Assistant Directors of Nursing,  
Infection Prevention Staff, Staff Development and Staff Educators

FROM: Lauren A. Backman RN, MHS   
Epidemiologist III, CT DPH HAI-AR Program

DATE: February 25, 2020

On March 6, 2020, the Infection Control Nurses of Connecticut (ICNC of CT) will be sponsoring an educational program on “Outbreak Investigation and Reporting to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) from CT Long Term Care (LTC) facilities”. Kim Hriceniak, RNC, CT DPH Facility Licensing & Investigations Section, and Lauren Backman, RN, MHS, Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Program, will be presenting on this topic. The educational program will include:

- Review definition of an outbreak.
- Describe types of outbreaks in LTC facilities.
- Describe steps used in an outbreak investigation: investigating, confirming, reporting and managing an outbreak.
- Describe national, state, and local regulatory bodies that oversee infection prevention and reportable events.
- Review internal and external communications, including outbreak collaboration and reporting between public health departments and CT LTC facilities.
- Question and Answer section

The program will be held on March 6, 2020 from 8 am – 12:30 pm at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden, CT. The registration details are attached.

Contact Kris Magnussen, President ICNC of CT, [kmagnussen@llhd.org](mailto:kmagnussen@llhd.org) or Lauren Backman, CT DPH, [lauren.backman@ct.gov](mailto:lauren.backman@ct.gov) with any questions regarding registration or program content.

**Please distribute this notice to the appropriate personnel  
within your healthcare facility.**



# STATEWIDE MEETING

March 6, 2020

8:00AM-12:30PM

WHITNEY CENTER

*"Cultural Arts Center"*

200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden  
use the South Entrance for the CAC

## "OUTBREAKS"

### SPEAKERS:

**Kim Hriceniak RN, C**

CT Department of Public Health

Public Health Service Manager

Healthcare Quality and Safety

Facility Licensing and Investigations Section

**Lauren A. Backman, RN, MHS**

CT Department of Public Health

Epidemiologist III

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***Seating is limited, so register early ICNC Members \$25 Non- Members \$35  
Information on membership can be found at <https://www.infectioncontrolct.org/>***

**Registration information: Online at [infectioncontrolct.org](https://www.infectioncontrolct.org/) or attached form**

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