

# HAI/AR Monthly Digest

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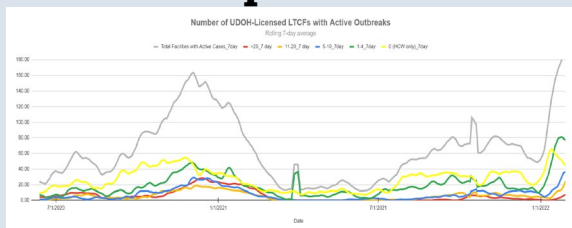
*“In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other.”*

~ Linda Ellerbee

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## Utah LTCF Situational Update



## New UDOH COVID-19 Guidance Documents for LTCFs

New:

- [Monoclonal Antibody Therapy FAQ](#)
- [Antiviral Treatment FAQ](#)

New guidance documents can be found on the Long-Term Care Facilities webpage, under the [For Long-Term Care Facility Providers](#) section.

## Updates

### HAI/AR Update

#### Utah National Guard Support for LTCFs

- Opportunity for short-term non-clinical staffing assistance from the Utah National Guard to support facilities with staffing shortages related to COVID-19. See the attached letter for more information.

#### COVID-19 Treatment Options

- In addition to monoclonal antibody treatment, oral antiviral COVID-19 treatment is available to eligible residents in long-term care. Reach out to your HAI consultant and [click here](#) for more information.

#### Nomi Van COVID-19 Vaccines with MTT

- Facilities can now request a vaccine clinic to be held at the same time as a testing event with the Mobile Test Team (MTT). A Nomi van will provide COVID-19 vaccination to any staff or residents who need a dose to become up-to-date on vaccination. Talk to your HAI contact to schedule an event.

#### Abbot BinaxNow Expiry Date Update

- Abbot BinaxNow COVID-19 Ag Cards may have a longer than labeled expiry date. Please review the attached document from Abbot for more information.

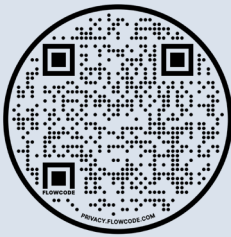
#### Cue Test Supply

## Mental Health Resources

To find out more about mental health resources offered in Utah, click [here](#).

## Questions?

For questions, visit our [Long-Term Care Facilities webpage](#) or email us at [hai@utah.gov](mailto:hai@utah.gov).



- HHS is no longer providing the CUE tests. UDOH is working with other suppliers to obtain the testing supplies. UDOH has a limited number of analyzers left and will not be purchasing more.

## CDC Update

### Updated Guidance

- [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes](#) updated February 2, 2022
- [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#) updated January 21, 2022
- [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines](#) updated January 16, 2022

## Spotlights

*Please send us stories or pictures that highlight the amazing work you and your facility have accomplished during the pandemic. We want to spotlight your successes. Email your HAI/AR contact or [hai@utah.gov](mailto:hai@utah.gov) to share your stories.*

## The INN Between



The INN Between works to end the tragic history of people dying on the streets of our community. The INN Between provides end-of-life care and medical respite for people experiencing homelessness.



**Congratulations to The INN Between for vaccinating and boosting nearly 100% of staff!**

## **Education/Resources**

### Project Firstline Beta Test



- The Project Firstline Utah team is preparing to beta test Module 1: Infection Prevention Basics. The target audience of this module is frontline staff (CNAs, environmental and dietary staff, receptionists, etc.). If you would like your facility to participate in the beta test, email [janellekammerman@utah.gov](mailto:janellekammerman@utah.gov).

## LTC PAC Project ECHO Sessions

- Join us for the next Long-Term and Post-Acute Care Project ECHO presentation on Wednesday, **February 9, 2022** from **11 am to 12 pm** with Dr. Spivak.
- Dr. Spivak, Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Utah, who established and serves as Co-Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs at University of Utah Health and the Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, will provide up-to-date information on treatments for COVID-19.
  - Register [here](#).
- We would love to have your input on future sessions. Please take [3 minutes to answer our survey!](#)

## Antimicrobial Resistance in Utah

*Since January 1, 2022*

### Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDRO) Big 5 Carbapenamase Producers\* and other Producers

<b>Cases: 0</b>	<b>Outbreaks: 0</b>
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\*VIM, IMP, NDM, KPC, OXA-48

## Interfacility Transfer Form

- The Utah Department of Health Interfacility Transfer Form should be used when transferring patients to other healthcare facilities, regardless of MDRO status. This form is vital to help receiving facilities understand any potential precautions or infection prevention protocols that need to be enacted upon admission. Use of this form will help reduce the transmission of MDROs. To view the form, click [here](#).

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