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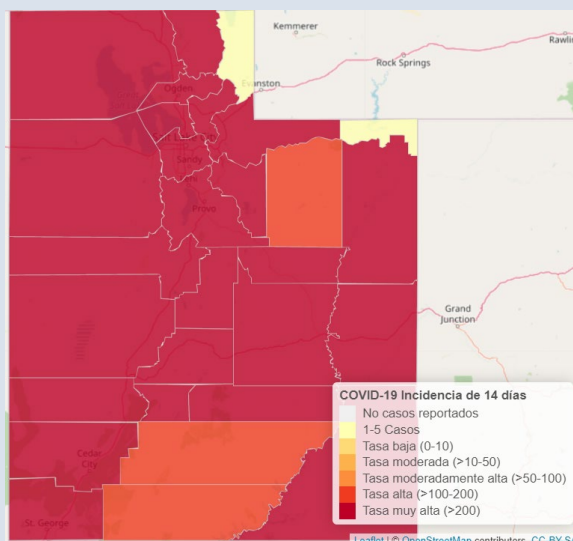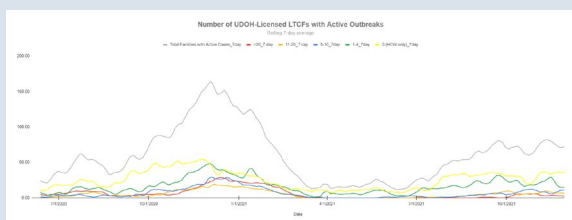
"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

~ Theodore Roosevelt

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Utah LTCF Situational Update

New UDOH COVID-19 Guidance Documents for LTCFs

Updates

HAI/AR Update

Influenza (flu)
- Is your facility ready for the flu? All staff and residents should be encouraged to receive the flu vaccine. Many symptoms of COVID-19 and flu are similar. If someone tests negative for COVID-19, consider a follow up with a flu test or respiratory panel.

CMS Update
- Watch for updated visitation guidance on the Long-Term Care Facility webpage.

Reporting or Concerns during the Holidays
- Report your COVID-19 positive staff and residents to the HAI consultant supporting your facility. On weekends and holidays reach out to HAI@utah.gov for any reporting or concerns.

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 to share your stories.

New:

- o Lab Web Portal User Resources

Updated:
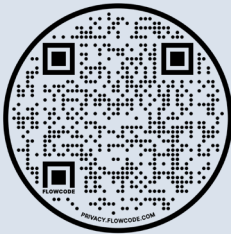- o Assessment form when transferring patients from hospitals to LTCF or HHA

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

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](#).

Education/Resources

Project Firstline

- The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has partnered with Project Firstline, a national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collaborative, to create infection prevention and control (IPC) training for frontline healthcare staff. Stay tuned for upcoming self-paced modules on IPC basics. To visit the Project Firstline website, click [here](#).

Lab Web Portal
The Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) has launched a Lab Web Portal. This portal allows users to submit and track COVID-19 samples and results sent to UPHL. Effective November 1, 2021, UPHL will only be accepting COVID-19 test requests through the Lab Web Portal and will **no longer** accept spreadsheets. Please see below to access the Lab Web Portal folder, which includes instructions on how to use the Portal for COVID-19 test requests.

- Register for the portal [here](#).
- To view the Lab Web Portal user resource folder, click [here](#) and scroll down to the Lab Web Portal section.

EDX Portal
The Utah Department of Health's (UDOH) COVID-19 Test Reporting Portal allows facilities to fulfill requirements under state and federal mandates to report any point-of-care testing performed by their facility (e.g., Abbott BinaxNow,

Abbott IDNow, Cepheid, CUE). Current mandates require both positive and negative COVID-19 results to be reported within 24 hours of the test (including on weekends).

The COVID-19 Reporting portal allows users two options for reporting.

1.   Users can enter results one-by-one by direct data entry.
2.   Multiple results can be uploaded at one time through csv import.

The COVID-19 Reporting Portal can be found here. For instructions on how to sign up and report, see the attached pdf.

Project ECHO

- Join us for the next phase of the Post Acute Care Project ECHO series starting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 11am to 12pm.
- Register here.

Antimicrobial Resistance in Utah

Since November 1, 2021

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

Cases: Less than 5	Outbreaks: 0

*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 for receiving facilities to 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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