

# HAI/AR Monthly Digest

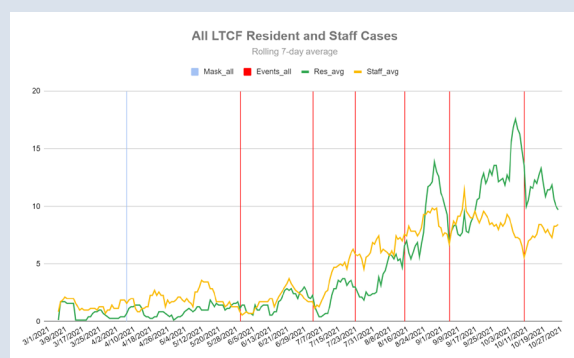
Utah Department of Health Healthcare Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance Program

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*“Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.”*

*~ Lionel Hampton*

## Utah LTCF Situational Update



## New UDOH COVID-19 Guidance Documents for LTCFs

Updated:

- LTCF Rapid Response Recommendations and Resources
- E&I Staff Resuming In Person ICF Visits
- HCW Screening Tool and Passport

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

#### Dedicated COVID-19 Facilities

The following five facilities are up and running as contracted COVID units to provide dedicated staffing for the care of COVID-19 positive residents who are discharged from hospitals and other long term care facilities. Please see the attached facility contact information.

- Woodland Park Care & Rehabilitation
- Rocky Mountain Care - Logan
- St. George Rehabilitation
- Heritage Care Center
- South Ogden Post Acute

#### Third Dose/Booster Dose Chart

Please see the attached Third and Boost Dose Flow Chart to help your staff and residents decide on when/if to get a third/booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### Lab Web Portal

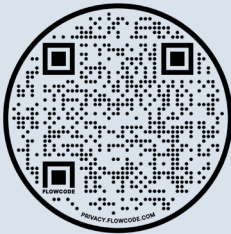
The Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) launched a Lab Web Portal. This portal allows users to submit and track COVID-19 samples and results sent to UPHL. Starting November 1, 2021, UPHL will only be accepting COVID-19 test requests through the Lab Web Portal and will **no longer** accept spreadsheets.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

## 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).



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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](#).

## 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.

## CDC Update

- According to the [CDC](#), **everyone** in healthcare settings should wear a **face mask** and **physically distance** (when feasible and not interfering with care) regardless of their vaccination status especially when [county transmission rates](#) are substantial or high.

## 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.*

**November 18 - 24, 2021:** U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week/World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

- Visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/week/](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/week/) for more information and tools to fight antimicrobial resistance in your facility.

## Education/Resources

### Project Firstline



- The UDOH has partnered with Project Firstline, a national 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](#).

### Project ECHO

- Join us for the next phase of the Post Acute Care Project ECHO series starting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 11am to 12pm.
- Register [here](#).

## Antimicrobial Resistance in Utah

*Since October 1, 2021*

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

Cases: <5	Outbreaks: 0
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\*VIM, IMP, NDM, KPC, OXA-48

### **What are Multidrug Resistant Organisms?**

Multidrug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) are organisms that are resistant to multiple classes of antimicrobial agents. Most often, the UDOH HAI Team works closely with carbapenem resistant organisms (CROs). CROs are organisms that are resistant to one or multiple carbapenem antibiotics.

Carbapenem antibiotics include Imipenem, Doripenem, Meropenem, and Ertapenem. If a culture results in a positive CRO, the Utah Department of Health Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Team is notified. Depending on if the positive result came from a long term care facility (LTCF), hospital, or other healthcare facility, further response may be needed. CRO isolates should be sent into the Utah Public Health Lab for carbapenemase producer testing. The “Big 5” Carbapenemase Producer genes are IMP, KPC, NDM, OXA-48, and VIM. Carbapenemase producers are especially dangerous due to their rapid spread and ability to transfer their carbapenemase producer gene. If a carbapenemase producer is discovered, a full investigation of the case will need to be completed by UDOH or the corresponding local health department. This includes facility history, service history, demographics, previous surgeries, etc. If one or more carbapenemase producers are found within the same facility, further analysis will be done to determine if there are any genetic links between the isolates and also epidemiological links. Depending on the situation, screening of residents and the environment may be recommended. The [CRO Disease Plan](#) outlines additional information about CROs and UDOH’s response.

### **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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Thank you.*

