

# HAI/AR Monthly Digest

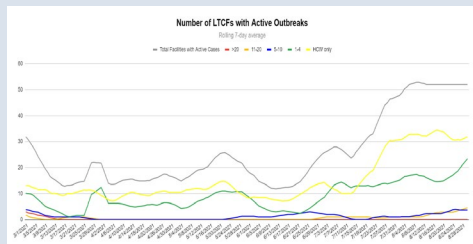
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*"Be safe, be smart, be kind"*

*~ Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director General*

## Utah LTCF Situational Update



## New UDOH COVID-19 Guidance Documents for LTCFs

- Caring for Long-term Care Residents on CPAP/BiPaP During a COVID-19 Outbreak
- *Updated:* Visitation Guidelines for Nursing Facilities During an Outbreak Flowchart

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

## 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.*

- Monoclonal Antibody Therapy (MaB) is available through the UDOH mobile infusion strike team (MIST) and in the community. More information on MaB can be found [here](#).
- Advisory for those who need MAB treatment: Do not go to ED for MAB treatment; coordinate with your HAI/AR POC or with your local participating healthcare providers listed [here](#).
- We are in another COVID-19 surge. Review or create your facility's current COVID-19 plans to create an isolation unit for COVID-19 [positive residents](#).

## Updates

### HAI/AR Update

- The 2021 UDOH Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) Laboratory Guidance and Utah AR Situational Update are now available and can be viewed [here](#).

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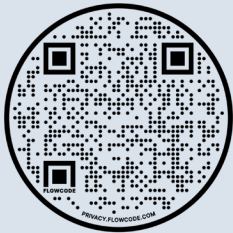
- The Utah Public Health Laboratory (UPHL) has created a Lab Web Portal to assist your facility with ordering, viewing, and tracking your facility's COVID-19 test samples. Sign up for the portal [here](#). For more information, see the attached Lab Web Portal Manual or reach out to your HAI/AR Infection Preventionist.

## 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).



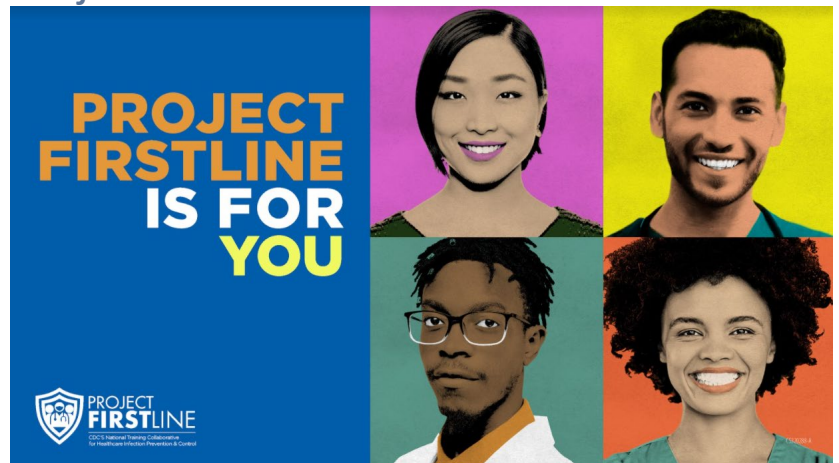
- Risk Factor updates (Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated) can be viewed [here](#).

## CDC Update

- COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER SHOT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLICK [HERE](#).
- COVID-19 VACCINES FOR MODERATELY TO SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PEOPLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CLICK [HERE](#).
- FDA Approval of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine

## 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

- The most recent Project ECHO sessions have concluded. A new Project ECHO series will start in October. Stay tuned for more information.

### MDRO Big 5 Carbapenemase Producers:

Cases of “Big 5” Carbapenemase Producers in Utah for August 2021:

**VIM: 1**

**OXA-48: 0**

**NDM: 1**

**IMP: 2**

**KPC: 1**

## 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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