



## NOVEMBER E-NEWSLETTER

**World Antibiotic Awareness Week**, November 18-24, aims to increase awareness of global antibiotic resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance.

**CAUSES OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE**

**HANDLE ANTIBIOTICS WITH CARE**

Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.

- Over-prescribing of antibiotics
- Patients not finishing their treatment
- Over-use of antibiotics in livestock and fish farming
- Poor infection control in hospitals and clinics
- Lack of hygiene and poor sanitation
- Lack of new antibiotics being developed

[www.who.int/drugresistance](http://www.who.int/drugresistance)  
[#AntibioticResistance](https://twitter.com/AntibioticResistance)

World Health Organization

Hot off the press from the CDC is the 2019 Antibiotic Resistance Threat Report:

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/pdf/threats-report/2019-ar-threats-report-508.pdf>

**Influenza Activity** is slowly rising with the B strain commonly seen which is unusual so early in the season.

The CDC says it is too early to know what kind of season we will have. To know what is going on country wide go to

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/> or statewide <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Epidemiology-and-Emerging-Infections/Influenza-Surveillance-and-Statistics>.

**Enhanced Barrier Precautions** was the topic of great interest at the quarterly statewide meeting held on November 1st and due to the interest, concerns and questions, CT DPH has set up training to provide guidance and answer questions on this new guidance Friday, December 6, 2019 or Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 8:15am-12:00pm at Gaylord Hospital. See the attached registration. For more information on EBP, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html>.

**New HIV Strain Discovered**, the first in 19 years! This new and rare strain was discovered by Abbott who screens 60% of the world's blood supply. The danger from the virus persists with concerns of new strains that might not be detected.

**Immune Amnesia** can occur in unvaccinated children who contract measles. The measles can damage the immune system making them susceptible to infections they were previously protected against. The study done at the Harvard School of Public Health showed that measles appears to suppress the immune system for 2-3 years putting the child at risk for infectious disease and even death.

**Webinars of Interest** <https://www.lkcip.com/>



**ARE YOU CAUGHT IN A WEB OF CONFUSION? INFECTION PREVENTION RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

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LKC will be hosting our next FREE webinar on November 21st, 2019, 1:00pm EST. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



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