

August 11, 2022

Memorandum

To: Mass Senior Care Members

From: Tara M. Gregorio, President

Re: COVID-19 Updates: Antigen Test Expiry Date Extensions; Register Now for LTC Infection Prevention & Control Webinar Series; MSCA/MSCF Launch Workforce Innovations Collaborative

Date: August 11, 2022

Antigen Test Expiry Date Extensions

The Department of Public Health is following up to yesterday's Long-Term Care monthly call discussion on antigen test expiry date extensions. Attached is additional information from [Abbott](#) and [iHealth](#) regarding extensions of their expiry dates. Please review and make any adjustments to antigen test inventory within your facility, as appropriate.

[Long Term Care Infection Prevention & Control Webinar Series](#)

8 Weekly Interactive Sessions

Sessions will be held on consecutive Tuesdays

10:30am – 12 noon (60-90 mins/session)

8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, and 10/ 11

Presenters:

[Capsid Consulting's](#) mission is to enhance the Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship Programs in long term care facilities around the United States. Capsid Consulting is an Associate Member of Mass Senior Care Association.

- Ramzi Asfour, MD, CEO and Founder, Capsid Consulting. Dr. Asfour has personal experience working in over 30 long term care facilities.

- Dost Sarpel, MD, Chief Operating Officer and Medical Director, Capsid Consulting. Dr. Sarpel is an Infectious Disease consultant with Milford Regional Physicians Group.

- Maryanne Caruso, RN, CPHQ, CIC, Director of Infection Prevention and Clinical Education, Capsid Consulting. Maryanne is board certified in health care quality management and infection prevention & control.

Click [here](#) to register.

MSCA and MSCF Launch Workforce Innovations Collaborative

Registration is now open for the new Workforce Innovations Collaborative (WFIC)! This collaborative is being launched in follow up to MSCAs spring conference where participants engaged in an afternoon session regarding our member resource, “Recruiting and Retaining Frontline Workers: Promising Practices From Across Industry Sectors.” MSCA and MSCF are offering this 12-month facilitated workgroup to 30 organizations whose leaders would like to test out innovative strategies from among the 9 practice areas recommended in the resource. The collaborative kicks off on September 27, 2022 and will include one in person and two virtual gatherings per quarter, as well as individualized technical assistance. To learn more, please click [here](#).

Space is limited, don't miss out on this unique opportunity!