

## APIC-DFW 2021 Business Meeting Minutes

<b>Facilitator</b>	Calvin White, APIC-DFW Chapter President	<b>Date</b>	03/04/2021	<b>Time</b>	1300-1440
<b>Location</b>	Zoom				

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
1. Welcome and House Keeping		
2. Education	<p>Martie Moore, MAOM, RN, CPHQ presented “EYES, NOSE, and MOUTH (T-ZONE): HOW THESE POINTS OF INOCULATION AND TRANSMISSION CAN BE REINFORCED TO FIGHT COLD, FLU, AND COVID-19.”</p> <p>Reminder: You must not miss more than 10 minutes of the presentation in order to receive CEU/IPU credit. Scan the QR code and register to receive credit or type your name and email into the chat if unable to scan the QR code.</p>	
3. Old Business	<p>2026 APIC Annual Conference bid to host in Dallas still in progress.</p> <p>If you have any historical materials from APIC-DFWs past, please send them to the board to present at our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting upcoming.</p>	
4. Texas Mask Mandate Lifted	<p>APIC has expressed dismay in an official statement. APIC-DFW will also be writing to the governor to express disapproval.</p>	
5. IPU Re-certification	<p>The board will provide letters verifying participation in elected positions in APIC-DFW. Contact Calvin White for more information.</p>	
6. Vendor Presentations	<p>Cheryl Littau from ECOLAB presented their automated hand hygiene compliance solution. For more information contact <a href="mailto:brent.knutson@ecolab.com">brent.knutson@ecolab.com</a>.</p> <p>Roberta Fernandez Ryder from Lighthouse presented their various IP solutions, including Surewash, Defender Sporocide, and Single-use Microfiber mops. For more</p>	

	information she may be reached at <a href="mailto:rryder@lhhcp.com">rryder@lhhcp.com</a> .																	
7. Officer and Board Reports	Sasha Gbedemah attended the first meeting of the Membership Chair group for APICHQ and is looking forward to seizing opportunities																	
8. Committee and SIG Reports	<p>Conference committee: meeting tomorrow afternoon 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Reach out to Charles Monney if interested.</p> <p>Professional Advancement: requirement for CIC certification changing effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Refer to this page for further details:  <a href="https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Candidate-Handbook/Eligibility-Requirements/Updated-CIC-Eligibility-Requirements.htm">https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Candidate-Handbook/Eligibility-Requirements/Updated-CIC-Eligibility-Requirements.htm</a></p> <p>Education Committee: April education from GOJO: “Resistance isn’t the enemy; it’s a valuable resource”</p>																	
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<p>10. Public Health Update</p>	<p>Scott Mize and Thi Dang</p> <p>Flu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During week 7 (Feb 14-20) the percent of ER visits due to influenza-like illness was 1.1%. This is well under the PHR 2/3 baseline level of 3.9% The ILI percent has not exceeded the baseline so far this flu season.</li></ul> <p>Flu test percent positivity was at 1% during week 7. Reported positive flu B tests represent about twice as many positives as flu A so far this season in PHR 2/3.</p> <p>COVID variants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COVID-19 Variant Update: Viruses constantly change through mutation, and multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 are circulating globally including United Kingdom (UK) B.1.1.7, South Africa B.1.351, and Brazil P.1. According to the CDC, these variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. As of 3/2 there are 26 confirmed variant COVID-19 cases within 9 counties in DSHS PHR 2/3. All reported PHR 2/3 cases are the UK B.1.1.7 variant and all are adults with 81% being within the 30-50 year age range. 54% are male, 31% are white, and 31% are Black/African American. Compliance with public health mitigation strategies, such as vaccination, physical distancing, use of masks, hand hygiene, and isolation and quarantine, is essential to limit the spread of all variants of COVID-19.</li></ul> <p>Ebola:</p>	
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- Ebola Update: Outbreaks of Ebola virus disease (EVD) are ongoing in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Guinea. Starting Thursday, March 4th – airlines will be required to collect and transmit contact information to CDC for appropriate public health follow up and intervention for all passengers boarding a flight to the US who were in the DRC or Guinea within 21 days before their arrival to the US. The US government will also begin to redirect air passengers from DRC and Guinea to six US airports where 96% of air passengers from these countries already arrive. None of these airports are currently in Texas. The six airports are:
  - New York (JFK)
  - Chicago (ORD)
  - Atlanta (ATL)
  - Washington DC (IAD)
  - Newark (EWR)
  - Los Angeles (LAX)Currently, CDC is recommending that all U.S. healthcare settings screen and triage everyone entering the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, it is recommended that facilities ask about and document international travel histories to alert healthcare personnel to the possibility of other communicable infections, such as viral hemorrhagic fevers, that need specific infection control precautions and/or treatment. Information for infection control personnel and the local public health jurisdiction for reporting of communicable diseases, including EVD, should be posted in easily visible

locations. Current CDC infection prevention and control guidance for U.S. healthcare facilities is available on the CDC Ebola website for clinicians (<https://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/clinicians/index.html>). Specific guidance and tools that may be of interest to facilities include separate personal protective equipment (PPE) guidance for the management of Clinically Stable PUIs vs Confirmed Ebola Patients or Clinically Unstable PUIs so please review those as necessary on the CDC website.

- Since *Candida auris* became reportable in January, seven *C. auris* cases have been reported in PHR 2/3 counties. PHR 2/3 has been assisting four of our local health departments and nine healthcare facilities to contain *Candida auris*. One of the patients has a pan-resistant *C. auris* which means all the antifungals that CDC tested for that would typically be used to treat a yeast infection were found to not be effective. The latest collection date was 2/21/2021. Two patients have expired. We have conducted infection control assessments in conjunction with the local health departments and have also implemented two colonization studies to determine the extent of the spread of *C. auris*. Whole genome sequencing on these isolates is in progress at CDC. A *C. auris* health advisory was sent to Infection Prevention Staff, Local Health Authorities, Regional Epidemiologists, Local Healthcare Providers in PHR 2/3 on 2/25/2021.
- Introduction of new DSHS HAI epidemiologist, Julie Bassett

11. Announcements	Surveillance/Mentoring SIG Virtual Meeting: 3/12/21 12:00 PM  APIC DFW Professional Advancmenet Committee Virtual Meeting 4/1/21  APIC DFW Virtual APIC Meeting 4/1/21  Check Email/Webpage for details on all of the above.	
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**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, Zoom**