

MAKE A RESOLUTION TO

# STRENGTHEN YOUR INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM IN 2022



The Pennsylvania Bureau of Epidemiology within the Department of Health has partnered with APIC Consulting Services on a statewide infection prevention and control (IPC) initiative for skilled nursing facilities (SNF). All SNFs are invited to receive free onsite IPC program assessment and training services. Highly experienced, CIC-certified APIC Consultants are equipped to perform assessments using an enhanced version of the CDC Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool and will provide expert training based on your facility's needs. Your consultant will help you pinpoint key areas of improvement to strengthen your facility's infection prevention program.

## SIGN UP TODAY

**Jumpstart your scheduling process by completing a pre-assessment form**

Learn more about the initiative on the [PA DOH ICAR Webpage](#) or e-mail [icar@apic.org](mailto:icar@apic.org)

## QUICK FACTS: ICAR INITIATIVE

### Is this a regulatory survey?

**No** - Findings on the ICAR are **not** formal citations. Facilities will not be penalized for not completing recommendations (please see the [Project Safety Statement](#))

### Is this another COVID-19 project?

It is much more than that! COVID-19 response is just one area - your consultant will also focus on traditional IPC program areas like the environment of care, cleaning/disinfection, water management, antimicrobial stewardship, IPC audits, and more.

### What if we are short-staffed and/or having an outbreak?

The ICAR initiative was designed to be flexible for this very reason - APIC Consulting will work with you to set up an onsite experience that meets your facility's needs without overburdening you.

### What services will facilities receive?

Two full days of expert consultation, assessment, and education services; a personalized action plan for IPC improvement; training summary of topics addressed; 30-day and 90-day post-visit surveys; and support to complete your recommendations.



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