



# 2026 APIC GREAT LAKES FALL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

## BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - KELLOGG CENTER, EAST LANSING, MI

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| 7:00 am – 8:00 am   | <b>Registration and Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 am – 8:30 am   | <b>Welcome &amp; Housekeeping</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:30 am – 9:30 am   | <b>Bridging the Gap Between Expertise and Impact</b><br>Chaz Rhone, MPH, CIC, FAPIC<br>Assistant Vice President of Infection Prevention, HCA Healthcare North Florida Division                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:30 am – 10:30 am  | <b>Fact, Fear, and Fiction: Navigating Vaccine Hesitancy</b><br>Terri Rebmann, PhD, RN, CIC, FAPIC<br>Associate Dean for Education; Emory University, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am | <b>Break &amp; Vendors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | <b>From Notification to Clean Up: Improving Water Intrusion Mitigation Efforts through Application of an Emergency Management Framework</b><br>Alex Hamer, MPH, CIC, CPHQ – Manager, Safety and Reliability; Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital<br>Sarah Prascius, MPH, CIC – Infection Prevention Specialist; Henry Ford Macomb Hospital        |
| 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm  | <b>Lunch &amp; Vendor Time (CIC recognition, photo slideshow)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm   | <b>Healthcare Policy Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carrie Linderth, J.D. - Public Health Attorney</li> <li>- Kelsey Ostergren, MPH, CIC - Hospital Association/Policy</li> <li>- Viviana Saez, BSN, RN, CIC - Hospital Infection Preventionist</li> <li>- Christina Harrington, MPH - Local Public Health Officer</li> </ul> |
| 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm   | <b>Break &amp; Vendors</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm   | <b>Infection Prevention Practices for SNFs and LTACHs</b><br>MDHHS MDRO Containment Unit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3:45 pm – 3:50 pm   | <b>Event/Vendor Raffles &amp; Meeting Adjourned</b><br><b>*Must be present to win!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3:50 - 4:00 pm      | <b>APIC GL Business Meeting (Members Only)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**\* ATTENDEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR 5 IPUs \***