



2026 APIC Great Lakes: Fall Education Conference

Bridge Over Troubled Water

October 15, 2026 • Michigan State University Kellogg Center • Big Ten Ballroom A, B & C

Agenda

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome Remarks
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Bridging the Gap Between Expertise and Impact <i>Chaz Rhone, MPH, CIC, FAPIC</i> <i>Assistant Vice President of Infection Prevention, HCA Healthcare North Florida Division</i>
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Fact, Fear, and Fiction: Navigating Vaccine Hesitancy <i>Terri Rebmman, PhD, RN, CIC, FAPIC</i> <i>Associate Dean for Education, Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing</i>
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Break & Vendor Time
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	From Notification to Clean Up: Improving Water Intrusion Mitigation Efforts through Application of an Emergency Management Framework <i>Alex Hamer, MPH, CIC, CPHQ • Manager, Safety and Reliability, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital</i> <i>Sarah Prascius, MPH, CIC • Infection Prevention Specialist, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital</i>
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch & Vendor Time <i>CIC recognition and photo slideshow</i>
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Healthcare Policy Panel <i>Carrie Linderth, J.D. • Public Health Attorney</i> <i>Kelsey Ostergren, MPH, CIC • Hospital Association / Policy</i> <i>Viviana Saez, BSN, RN, CIC • Hospital Infection Preventionist</i> <i>Christina Harrington, MPH • Local Public Health Officer</i>
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Break & Vendor Time
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Infection Prevention Practices for SNFs and LTACHs <i>Niki McGuire • Morgan Bulk, MSN-IPC, RN • Jonah Sementokowski, MPH</i> <i>Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, MDRO Containment Unit</i>
3:45 – 3:50 p.m.	Vendor Raffles & Meeting Wrap Up <i>Must be present to win.</i>
3:50 – 4:00 p.m.	APIC – GL Business Meeting <i>Members only.</i>