



EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR APIC – NOZIN CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026

Event Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST

Location: 2075 RHOB

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I. PURPOSE

This briefing, **Detecting and Preventing the Emergence and Spread of Dangerous Pathogens: A Partnership with the Federal Government**, highlights the need for Congress to continue supporting and strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) efforts in the U.S. healthcare system. Despite progress in reducing these deadly infections, healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) still affect 1 in 31 hospitalized patients daily, many of which are preventable. These infections cost the system more than \$28 billion annually and contribute to 72,000 deaths each year.

This Briefing will help to answer the following questions:

- What is the important role of infection prevention and control experts in detecting and preventing the spread of dangerous infectious diseases in healthcare and in the public?
- What are the typical types of infections that may put us at risk in healthcare and why?
- What data does the federal government already collect on healthcare-associated infections? Why collect data on these infections and not others?
- How do we continue reducing the rate of these infections while preventing the emergence and spread of dangerous pathogens?
- What federal programs help us detect and prevent infectious diseases?
- Where are the current gaps in infection prevention and control policy and what are the potential future solutions?

II. PARTICIPANTS

- John Williman, CEO, Nozin
- Kathy Ward, 2026 APIC President
- Devin Jopp, CEO, APIC
- Kelly Zabriskie Gralnick, 2026 APIC Public Policy Chair
- Lisa Tomlinson, Vice President, Government Affairs



III. PROGRAM

- 12:00 – 12:05 PM: John Williman, CEO, Nozin
Welcome and Framing the Briefing Discussion
- Topic: “One in 31 patients acquires a preventable infection every day and many of those could have been stopped with the right people, tools, and transparency.”
- 12:00 – 12:10 PM: Kathy Ward, 2026 APIC President
Workforce Behind Infection Prevention
- Topic: Overview of the role of Infection Preventionists in detecting and preventing the spread of dangerous infectious diseases in healthcare and in the public
- 12:10 – 12:20PM: Kelly Gralnick, 2026 APIC Public Policy Chair
Overview of Federal Government Efforts to Detect and Prevent HAIs
- Topic: Types of infections that could put the American public at risk in healthcare and why, what data the federal government collects on HAIs, why collect data on these types of infections and not others?
How NHSN streamlines reporting to CDC and CMS promotes transparency to drive improvement and save lives.
- 12:20-12:35 PM Lisa Tomlinson, Vice President, Government Affairs, APIC
- Topic: Nozin/APIC Partnership Explanation
Federal Efforts to Promote Transparency in Infection Prevention and the Intersection of Infection Prevention and Control and Public Health
- 12:35- 12:45 PM Dr. Devin Jopp, CEO, APIC
Policy Recommendations for Congress



Topic:

Legislative opportunities:

- Maintain NHSN support
- Support funding for state and local health department efforts to detect and respond to infectious diseases
- Fund the BIO Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program
- Secure Department of Labor recognition for infection preventionists
- Expand HAI reporting and transparency to long-term care settings

12:45 – 1:00 PM

Dr. Devin Jopp
Q & A

This Event is CLOSED to the Press.