

CO-APIC NEWSLETTER

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4th Quarter 2025



Message from the President

Hello Central Ohio Chapter,

Thank you for a great year! We had amazing participation at all our meetings and bootcamp. I am looking forward to the new year and serving as your past-president.

–Naomi Tucker, President

We're excited to welcome some wonderful new faces to our 2026 CO-APIC board! This group brings fresh perspectives and great ideas, focusing on making CO-APIC more meaningful, engaged, and helpful! I am truly looking forward to the year ahead and all we will accomplish together!

–Sara Griffith, President-elect

Top News

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Have ideas to make this the best chapter in the organization? Please reach out to any board member or committee chair with your ideas!

Government Affairs & Communication

Dr. Amy Action, the previous Director of the Ohio Department of Health, has announced her candidacy for Ohio Governor in the upcoming 2026 election! In her previous position, Dr. Action received a [Profile in Courage Award](#) from Caroline Kennedy and Jack Schlossbergh.

Legislature:

OHIO:

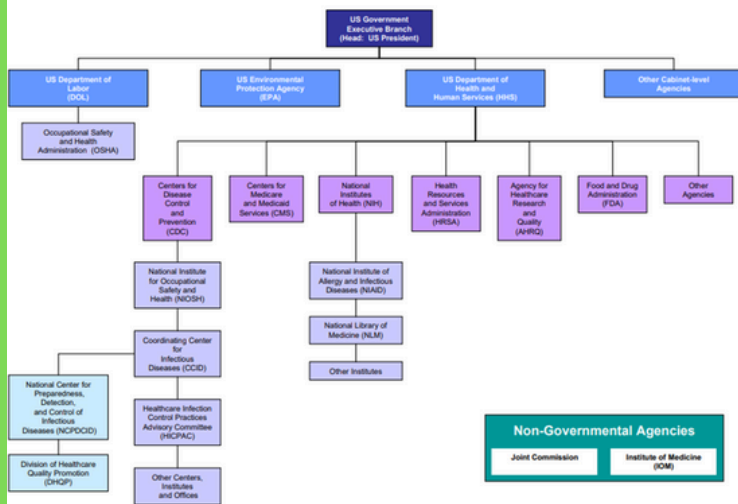
- House and Senate Bills related to IP&C issues remain in committee with no current action.

Federal issues:

- APIC is supporting multiple coalition letters related to funding impacting infection prevention and control initiatives.

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US HEALTH AGENCIES



Did You Know?

There are multiple government Health Agencies that play a role in infectious disease identification reporting and response. Click the link for APIC's outline detailing what these agencies do.

Link: [US Government Health Agencies](#)

Membership

Welcome new members!

• New Members:

- Mary Whaley, Sun Behavioral Columbus
- Sara Margrey, Ohio Department of Health
- Kara Tarter, Ohio Department of Health
- Todd Heslep, Teleflex
- Curt Miller, Clorox Healthcare

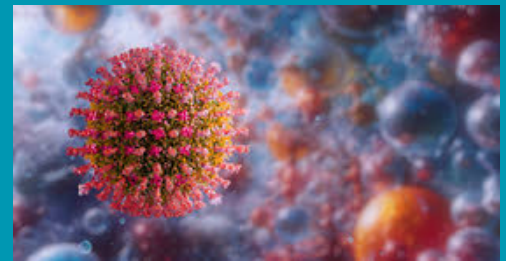
Treasure and Finance Committee

Excited to share that our chapter received \$500 through the Chapter Excellence Award we received. We are using it to sponsor APIC and CO-APIC dues for two members. Please join us in congratulating Naomi Tucker and Mary Elizabeth Salimbene Merriman as the sponsor recipients. We are proud to support their continued growth and involvement in our APIC and CO-APIC community!

Publications

Have you recently had a poster or article published related to Epidemiology and/or Infection Prevention and Control? If so, please send the title and publication information to Kierstin.Trocha@nationwidechildrens.org to be featured in next year's CO-APIC quarterly newsletters. We want to spotlight everyone's great accomplishments and contributions to our profession!

Infectious Disease



Are you prepared? Measles continues to spread with the latest outbreak in Spartanburg, South Carolina, which is just 8 hours by car from Columbus, Ohio. The APIC Measles Playbook is a great resource of information and provides everything you need to respond to a case. It is a must have, so you are ready for that call from the Emergency Room at 3 AM asking what to do for a fever and a rash from a patient returning from a holiday!

Link: [APIC Measles Playbook](#)

As of December 16, 2025, a total of 1,958 confirmed measles cases were reported in the US. There have been 49 outbreaks reported in 2025, and 88% of confirmed cases are outbreak-associated. In Ohio, as of December 16, 2025, there have been 39 measles cases reported.

Source: [CDC](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CO-APIC Virtual Meeting

Date: 2/18/26

Time: TBD

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