

Strike Team Update

NJACCHO has developed a Train the Trainer (TtT) program to equip LHDs with the skills necessary to become Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) trainers.

17 LHDs have entered into an agreement with NJACCHO to bring IPC trainings to the Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing facilities in their jurisdictions.

Since October, NJACCHO has provided **17 TtT sessions** employees of the new LHDs that have come onboard with us during this last quarter of the grant.

NJACCHO has also produced and released advanced level trainings on C. Auris, C. Difficile and Norovirus. NJACCHO also developed an Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection podcast that can be used to provide training.

Many facilities have been experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks over the past few months, which has made it somewhat difficult to provide them with training. But the LHDs are still working hard to do so. **Please show the calendar of trainings from this month and through March. This calendar was updated as of 2/7/24.**

Budget Revision (Approved)

Because we did not get the anticipated 25 LHDs to participate, NJACCHO requested a budget revision from NJDOH, which was approved this week. Thanks to NJACCHO, every LHD in NJ will receive:

- 1 hardcopy of the Red Book
(this will help LHDs keep up to date with infectious disease developments and practice state of the art prevention as they provide guidance to LTCs and SNFs.)
- 1 copy of the *Infection Prevention and Control Resource Manual* – Electronic version
(*This guide will help LHDs to assist LHDs and SNFs with developing infection control policies and procedures, antibiotic stewardship, outbreak management, disinfection protocols, Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions, employee health procedures, and procedures for housekeeping and dietary departments. Utilizing these manuals will contribute to the sustainable nature of this program, again, providing a guide and platform to develop additional trainings as well as reinforcing the LHDs as an expert resource for LTCs and SNFs in infection control practice resources.*)

LHDs that are participating in the program will receive Deluxe Glo Germ Kits for themselves for training purposes. They will also receive Glo-Germ mini kits to distribute to LTCs and SNFs.