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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Assisted Living Providers
All Residential Care Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
Population Health Quality Improvement

Subject: **ACE Resource & Professional Development Reminder**

This is a reminder that the Oregon Health Authority, Healthcare-Associated Infections Program, in collaboration with Comagine Health, continue to offer a professional development opportunity for designated infection control practitioners/specialists in long-term care settings. This was originally announced in the [Provider Alert NF-22-051](#).

Advancing Infection Control Capacity & Education (ACE): Coaching to Certification, is an initiative designed to help long-term care infection control specialists “ACE” their certification in infection control (CIC®) and build capacity to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

It's not too late to sign up! Note that even if you do not have an infection control staff member ready to sit for the CIC® certification exam, the ACE Program provides free infection control memberships and resources to support broad infection control work in your facility. Review the [ACE Program flyer](#) to learn more about the coaching and resource supports available to your team and to sign up for an upcoming study session. Resources and certification exam costs are one per licensed facility.

What Oregon LTCFs are saying about the ACE Program:

“Excellent Program. Thank you for providing this assistance and expertise in the field with amazing presenters.”

“So many areas apply to being an IP in my facility. I have been able to apply so much to my day to day. I am really enjoying all we are learning.”

If you have any questions about this alert, please contact OHA’s Dr. Rebecca Pierce, at rebecca.a.pierce@oha.oregon.gov and Comagine Health, at infectionpreventionadvisor@comagine.org.

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