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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2023

TO: Health Care Facilities, Laboratory- based Public Health Professionals, and Health Care Providers

FROM: Nevada Office of Public Health Investigations and Epidemiology (OPHIE)

RE: *Candida auris* case and facilities update

As of March 24, 2023, there are 1,250 total reported cases (723 colonized and 527 clinical) that have been reported to the Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Program in response to the *C. auris* outbreak in Southern Nevada. Of the 527 clinical cases, 98 began as colonized cases and converted to clinical. These 1,250 cases have been identified in a total of 34 facilities, 14 Acute Care Hospitals (ACHs), 12 Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), and 8 Long Term Acute Care (LTACs). Of these 1,250 cases, 103 deaths (74 clinical and 29 colonization cases) have occurred in patients with *C. auris*.

We continue to recommend following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for screening. CDC recommends screening for patients at high risk for *C. auris*, such as those in close health care contact with newly identified patients with *C. auris* infection or colonization or patients with an overnight stay in a health care facility outside of the U. S. within the last year. Please utilize this link to review [CDC screening guidance](#). Appropriate infection prevention practices, environmental cleaning, and communication of MDRO status at discharge are all important factors in decreasing the transmission of *C. auris* in our community. Use this link to access the [HAI *C. auris* education page](#).

The HAI Program has a webinar series provided by the CDC on MDRO containment posted on the DPBH website. This training offers Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and can be used to train health personnel on the transmission of these organisms within the facility. The training is under the *C. auris* header using the link below
[https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/Training/Healthcare_Associated_Infection_Prevention_and_Control_\(HAI\)_-Training_Education/](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/HAI/dta/Training/Healthcare_Associated_Infection_Prevention_and_Control_(HAI)_-Training_Education/).

For additional questions, concerns, and assistance accessing screening materials through the Nevada State Public Health Lab, please contact the HAI Program at outbreak@health.nv.gov.

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