

DICON Weekly Update: 11/16/2020

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DICON/DASON Symposium:

Video recordings of the sessions from the Virtual DICON/DASON Symposium will be available later this week, as well as CE credit information. Be on the lookout for another email in a few days!

COVID-19 Tracker & Statistics:

Duke University Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

UNC Health Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

NC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

SC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

GA DPH Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

VA DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

WV DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

FL DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

Johns Hopkins Global Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources:

DICON website [here](#).

CDC website [here](#).

OSHA:

OSHA released a [Lessons Learned](#) document with frequently cited standards related to COVID-19 inspections.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

Last week the CDC issued two important updates:

1. [Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#)
2. [10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans](#)

Also of note from CDC, MMWR is launching the [MMWR COVID-19 Weekly Briefing](#) podcast, a brief weekly podcast series to highlight the latest scientific information from the COVID-19 response.

FDA:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting clinical laboratory staff and health care providers that false positive results can occur with antigen tests, including when users do not follow the instructions for use of antigen tests for the rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2. Read the full statement [here](#).

NHSN:

Important 2021 updates can be found in the latest NHSN [newsletter](#).

Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:

- [Challenges in Testing for SARS-CoV-2 Among Patients Who Recovered From COVID-19](#)
- [The Effect of SARS-CoV-2 Mitigation Strategies on Seasonal Respiratory Viruses: A Tale of Two Large Metropolitan Centers in the United States](#)
- [COVID-19 pneumonia and the appropriate use of antibiotics](#)
- [Risk of hospital admission with coronavirus disease 2019 in healthcare workers and their households](#)
- [Update from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)

APIC Webinars:

“APIC COVID-19 Task Force: Lessons Learned” was presented on Thursday, November 12, 2020. If you missed it, or would like to re-watch it, it is available on the APIC website. To access the webinar:

- Step 1: Using your APIC username and password, log in to apic.org by selecting My Account in the top right corner.
- Step 2: Once logged in, select My Courses, located near My Account.
- Step 3: Once you have reached your learning dashboard, find the webinar you would like to begin under the In Progress tab below the welcome banner.
- Step 4: Select the “Launch” button next to the course/webinar to begin.

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