

DICON Weekly Digest: 3/15/2021

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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](#).

CDC COVID Data Tracker [here](#).

COVID-19 Guidance & Resources:

DICON website [here](#).

CDC website [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker:

NYT Vaccine Tracker [here](#).

CMS:

- [CMS Updates Visitation Guidelines for Nursing Homes](#)

CDC:

- [US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants](#)
- [Interim Public Health Guidelines for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- [Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce Transmission](#)
- [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#) includes:
 - Post-acute care visitation
 - Work restriction for asymptomatic HCP
 - SARS-CoV-2 testing
 - Use of PPE
- [Why the CDC is "OK" with No Gloves to Administer Vaccines](#)

FDA:

- [Improper Use of Thermal Imaging Devices: FDA Safety Communication](#)

The FDA is alerting healthcare providers and consumers that thermal imaging systems intended to measure human body temperature may provide inaccurate temperature readings resulting from improper use. For example, these devices should not be used for "mass fever screening."

APIC:

- APIC NC: registration for the [Virtual Spring 2021 Conference](#) is now open. All IPs are welcome, the conference is completely virtual.

SHEA:

- [Decennial Day](#) during the SHEA Spring 2021 Virtual Conference! Decennial Day is a **free**, virtual, one-day program to be held on **Monday, April 12, 2021** featuring the five original plenary sessions from the Decennial program. These sessions will focus on global solutions for preventing healthcare-associated infections and addressing emerging pathogens and antibiotic resistance in healthcare. More information about these sessions can be found at the link above.

Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:

- [Difference in SARS-CoV-2 attack rate between children and adults may reflect bias](#)
- [Persistent SARS-CoV-2 RNA Shedding without Evidence of Infectiousness: A Cohort Study of Individuals with COVID-19](#)
- [Lessons Learned to Reduce Severity of the Next Outbreak](#)
- [Intellectual disability, obesity tied to COVID-19 hospitalization, death](#)
- [Women Report Worse Side Effects After a Covid Vaccine](#)
- [Wearing face mask during vigorous exercise safe for healthy individuals](#)
- From the Duke team: [Burden of healthcare-associated infections among hospitalized children within community hospitals participating in an infection control network](#)
- [The growing importance of non-device-associated healthcare-associated infections: a relative proportion and incidence study at an academic medical center](#)
- [Estimated Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus Decolonization in Intensive Care Units Associated With Single-Application Chlorhexidine Gluconate or Mupirocin](#)

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