

DICON Weekly Digest: 3/22/2021

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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](#).

CDC:

- [CDC Science Agenda for COVID-19 2020-2023](#)

The goal of *The CDC Science Agenda for COVID-19* is to guide the development of the evidence base needed to strengthen the public health actions, guidance, and policy essential to limit the spread and impact of SARS-CoV-2 and ultimately end the COVID-19 pandemic.

ASTM:

- [Barrier Face Covering Standard](#)

ASTM International has approved a new standard for barrier face coverings that will help establish minimum design, performance, labeling, and care requirements for reusable barrier face coverings. The standard was developed by ASTM's committee on personal protective clothing and equipment. This standard covers general public and worker face coverings, not respirators or surgical masks.

FDA

- [FDA Approves Molecular COVID Test for Use Beyond Pandemic](#)
- [Screening for COVID-19: Deciding Which Test to Use When Establishing Testing Programs](#)

APIC:

- APIC NC: registration for the [Virtual Spring 2021 Conference](#) is now open.
- APIC Annual Education Conference is being held in Austin Texas, June 28 – 30 this year. In person and virtual options are available. Keynote speaker information has been updated and registration is available at this [link](#).
- APIC has partnered with ANA to launch "[COVID Vaccine Facts for Nurses](#)."

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.

Webinars:

- Healthmark: Ensure Your Facility is Compliant with 4 New Amendments to Steam Sterilization Practice. April 14, 2021 1pm CDT. Registration available at this [link](#).
- Puzzled by Legionella and Waterborne Pathogens? What it Means to be Prepared. March 31, 2021 at 12pm EDT. Registration is available at this [link](#).

Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:

- From the Duke team: [Duke scientists develop vaccine strategy for urinary tract infections](#).
- [Anatomic Gradients in the Microbiology of Spinal Fusion Surgical Site Infection and Resistance to Surgical Antimicrobial Prophylaxis](#).
- [Testing and Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection in the United States: Clinical Recommendations from the National Society of Tuberculosis Clinicians](#)
 - Go to Download a PDF link under the How To Access section. Download is free after entering name and email address.
- [Investing in the Future: A Role for Professional Societies to Prepare the Next Generation of Healthcare Leaders through Curriculum Development and Dissemination](#)

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