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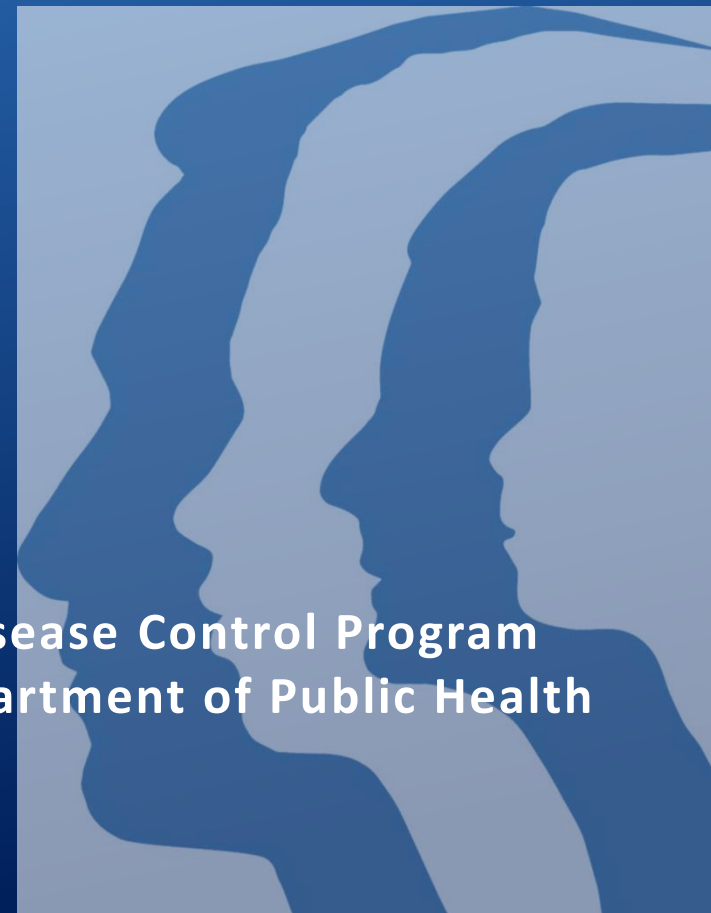
Learning and Communication Series

Week 4 – Introduction to QAPI in SNFs: Office Hours

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022



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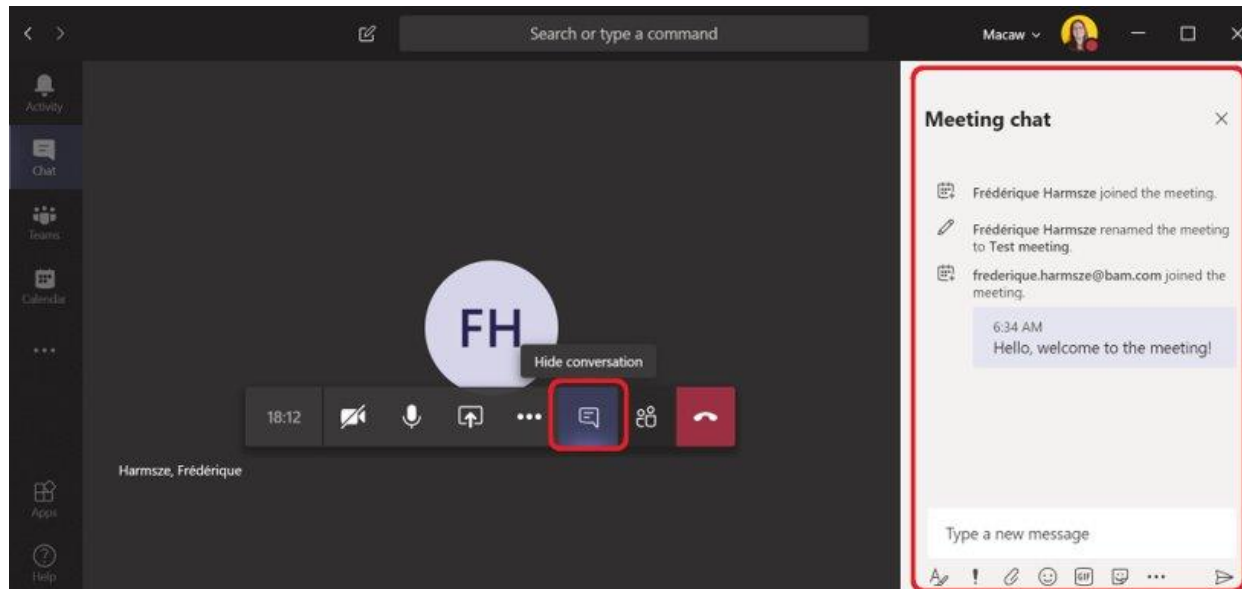
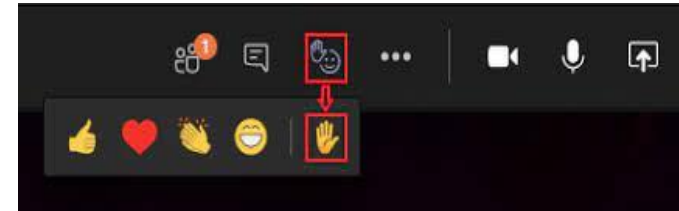
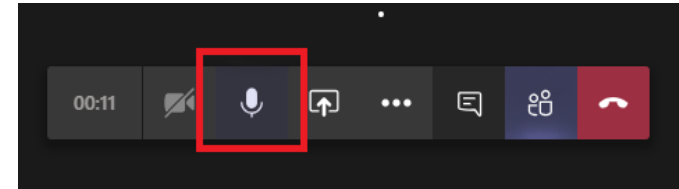
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Objectives

- Review the **definition** of QAPI and why it is important for Infection Prevention.
- Highlight **five elements of QAPI** for Skilled Nursing Facilities.
- Foster discussion among LA County Skilled Nursing Facilities about infection control practices



What is QAPI?

- QA = Quality Assurance
- PI = Performance Improvement

QAPI takes a systematic, comprehensive, and data-driven approach to maintaining and improving safety and quality in nursing homes, while engaging all staff members in creative problem solving.



Why is QAPI important?

- Competencies that equip you to solve quality problems and prevent their recurrence
- Competencies that allow you to seize opportunities to achieve new goals
- Fulfillment for caregivers, as they become active partners in performance improvement
- Above all, better care and better quality of life for your residents.

1. References: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/QAPI/Downloads/QAPIAtaGlance.pdf>



Why is QAPI important for Infection Prevention?

- QAPI helps us to assess the current processes and outcomes of infection prevention practices and measures and helps us to improve the quality of each.
- QAPI is an interdisciplinary initiative that promotes consistent and effective improvements in the realms of patient care, infection prevention, patient and staff safety, and much more.

5 Elements of QAPI in SNF

- PIP (Performance Improvement Projects)
- Design and Scope
- Leadership Involvement
- Feedback, Data, and Monitoring
- Systematic Analysis and Systemic Action





Resources

- CMS “QAPI at a Glance”
 - <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/QAPI/Downloads/QAPIAtaGlance.pdf>
- EVS Adherence Monitoring Tool
 - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AdherenceMonitoring_EVS_Approved_013020.pdf
- Hand Hygiene Adherence Monitoring Tool
 - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AdherenceMonitoringHandHygieneApproved101516.pdf>



Resources

- AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality)
 - <https://www.ahrq.gov/ncepcr/tools/pf-handbook/mod4.html>
- CDC STRIVE (CDC States Targeting Reduction in Infections via Engagement)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/strive/CBT102-508.pdf>
- HRSA (U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources: Health Resources and Services Administration)
 - <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/quality/toolbox/508pdfs/qualityimprovement.pdf>



Programming

Session	Date (2022)	Topic
Week 1	March 9 th , 2022	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Week 2	March 16 th , 2022	Office Hours
Week 3	March 23 rd , 2022	Introduction to QAPI in SNFs
Week 4 (Today!)	March 30 th , 2022	Office Hours
Week 5	April 6th, 2022	Introduction to Microbiology
Week 6	April 13 th , 2022	Office Hours
Week 7	April 20 th , 2022	Environmental Services (EVS)
Week 8	April 27 th , 2022	Office Hours
Week 9	May 4 th , 2022	Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)
Week 10	May 11 th , 2022	Office Hours



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