

Transforming Nursing Home Care Together (TNT) Program

Week #8 (Unit 3): Questions and Answers

Question:	Can you give us examples of games?
Answer:	<p>Yes— here’s an example of a low – tech Jeopardy and hand hygiene (HH). Using 20 to 25 index cards, separate the cards into categories of 5 cards per category. (You may use colored index cards since they can be reused and the colors allow for sorting.) You can use 4 or 5 categories depending on what you want to cover.</p> <p>Categories you may use for HH are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What (hand hygiene as prevention includes data and importance of HH).• When (specifics like handwashing after care of patients with <i>C. diff</i>, blood or body fluid exposure, etc.).• WHO (5 moments).• How (technique). <p>On 1 side of the index cards write the Category and point value (example - What 20, What 40, What 60, What 80, What 100). Do this for all of the categories.</p> <p>On the other side write the answer (example – What for 20 – “This is the number 1 way to prevent the spread of infections”). Remember Jeopardy is played with the contestants framing a question corresponding to the answer. So, if someone has chosen What for 20 you read the back of the card, and the first person to reply with “What is Hand Hygiene” wins that card/points.</p> <p>Tips on how to do this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sing just the beginning of the jeopardy song together (maybe 15 seconds) to get in the mood.• Tell them whichever group wins, it’s important to know they are playing for no cash prize (they laugh).• Have them form 3 groups (easier to manage the number of people there and it is fun for them).• Go over ground rules – they must work (whisper) together and raise hands if they know the answer, the first hand up gets called on.• If the answer is wrong another group gets to answer.• The group with the correct answers wins that round and control of the board, which means they get to select the next question. <p>This low-tech Jeopardy can be used for many infection prevention topics. Additional low tech can be developed using other favorite games.</p> <p>Technology options are fun and also include a web form of Jeopardy, Kahoot, Bamboozle, Aha, etc. With the pandemic, a wide range of additional online options have surfaced. A challenge to web-based learning games is if technology becomes unavailable or relies on all participants having a phone or their own device to be able to participate.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kahoot is an engaging way to check for understanding. The basic account is free and you can create your own quizzes: https://kahoot.com/?utm_name=controller_app&utm_source=controller&utm_campaign=controller_app&utm_medium=link • Quizizz is another one: https://quizizz.com/?lng=en • Some examples we have heard from other SNFs: scavenger hunt to find infection prevention supplies or materials throughout the facility, infection prevention jeopardy. • Other ideas: you could do a game show like question and answer with teams and a “buzzer,” or you could play a matching game where you have infection prevention practices and what bad outcomes they would prevent or address under cards that are face down and have to be matched. You may also do a Family Feud style game, where you ask them to name infection prevention techniques or other things and have them list as many as they can (instead of having the most frequently answered answer on the board).
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Question:	What if my facility does not have <i>C. auris</i> testing in the facility?
Answer:	You can find a list of laboratories that offer <i>C. auris</i> testing on our website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/List_C.aurisLabs.pdf

Question:	If the facility retested for <i>C. auris</i> a year later due to <i>C. auris</i> patients and results come back negative, will staff need to continue on contact isolation precaution or enhanced standard precaution?
Answer:	Persons who are known to be positive for <i>C. auris</i> should never be re-tested. Patients are considered to be colonized with <i>C. auris</i> indefinitely after their initial positive result, and thus should remain on the appropriate level of transmission-based precautions. SNFs should follow the CDPH Enhanced Standard Precautions guidance to determine the type of precautions needed. In general, <i>C. auris</i> positive patients may be on ESP unless the patient/facility meet criteria for Contact or Standard Precautions. For more guidance, see the LACDPH Mitigating the Spread of <i>C. auris</i> in LA County document (page 4): http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/MitigatingSpreadofC.aurisLAC.pdf

Question:	If a resident is colonized with Carbapenem-Resistant <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> (CRE), can they be cohorted with another resident who is not colonized with CRE?
Answer:	Regardless of colonization or infection, it is always a best practice to cohort residents “like with like” whenever possible. Always considering other situations like; does either resident have wounds, tubings such as urinary catheters, dialysis, etc. CRE colonization can still lead to environmental contamination, spreading CRE to other areas of the facility.

Question:	If someone tested positive and was treated for VRE and MRSA at an acute hospital, what type of isolation do they need to be on when they return to the SNF? How long should they be on that isolation precaution?
Answer:	We recommend you follow the CDPH Enhanced Standard Precautions guidance document to determine the level of transmission-based precautions, which is dependent on the

	<p>patient’s individual level of risk for MDRO transmission. In general, for MRSA and VRE, these patients can likely be managed using ESP unless criteria for Contact or Standard precautions are met. Since MDROs tend to colonize persons for long periods of time, this level of precautions would be for the duration of their admission. Continue to cohort “like with like.”</p>
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TNT Program Logistics:

Question:	<p>What email should I use to submit my Heluna Forms? Can I submit my Heluna forms later?</p>
Answer:	<p>Please email your completed Heluna forms to TNTEducation@ph.lacounty.gov as soon as possible.</p>

Question:	<p>I submitted our facility’s Final Project, but have not received a confirmation email.</p>
Answer:	<p>We are receiving a large volume of submissions. Please allow up to 5 business days for us to process your submission and respond to your email confirming receipt.</p>

Question:	<p>If I am having issues with SAM system, and do not have an UEI yet, what should I do? Can I wait and submit the Heluna forms later?</p>
Answer:	<p>If you are having such issues, please email TNTEducation@ph.lacounty.gov as soon as possible so we can assist.</p>