

## The "New Normal" for Infection Control in Assisted Housing

Assisted Housing Programs in Maine – i.e. assisted living, independent housing with services, residential care facilities – provide a variety of services (both clinical and supportive care) designed to meet residents' needs, in a safe environment, while honoring their right to independence, choice and decision making. This unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges for these communities as they work to ensure adequate protections and follow state/federal recommendations.

Given that infection prevention practices are the "new normal" for all long-term care facilities, MHCA has created this four-part, web-based educational program and corresponding toolkit (with infection prevention policy templates) specifically to support assisted housing providers in these efforts. The content aligns with CMS infection prevention practices, CDC guidance on outbreaks and surveillance and infection prevention best practices. Topics include infection control and reducing risk, standard and other type precautions, personal protective equipment, department-specific procedures, COVID-19 policies and procedures, and more.

### Presenters

**Danielle Watford** has dedicated her career to the improvement and sustainability of Maine long term care providers. Currently serving as the Director of Quality Improvement and Regulatory Affairs for Maine Health Care Association, she has committed to serving as a resource for providers with an expertise in quality improvement, regulatory application, and advocacy. She holds a master's degree in both clinical psychology and industrial organizational psychology and has served as a nursing home and assisted living resource. Ms. Watford has sixteen years' experience in long term care quality with an expertise in QAPI implementation, LTC quality measures, and an overwhelming and somewhat twisted love of data and data reporting strategies. She is LEAN SIX SIGMA green belted and is certified as a Manager of Quality in the category of Organizational Excellence.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

**Date**

September 10, 11, 17 & 18, 2020

**Location**

Web-Based Series  
(via Zoom)

**Time**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
(Each Day)

**Fee**

\$99 per person

**Contact Hours**

4.0 (1 hour per session)

**Certificate**

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**Registration**

To participate you must [register online](#) and process your payment through PayPal.