



# Toward Elimination

Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

## A Note From CDC's Dr. Richards

On Oct. 19 and 20, we held the first ever State HAI grantees meeting here in Atlanta. Despite all the challenges we face in public health, from H1N1 to travel restrictions to funding, the meeting exceeded our wildest imaginations! It was, simply stated, fantastic! As we move forward in launching this program toward eliminating healthcare associated infections, we want to maintain and even increase the enthusiasm around our efforts and contributions in public health, along with those of our partners in healthcare, academia, and the healthcare professions.

Why was the meeting successful? In short, it's because of you. HAI prevention is a new area for many in public health, but it is an area on which the public wants us to focus. State and local health departments have many responsibilities, many that are urgent. But you have rolled up your sleeves and are tackling this new area. We assure you that we will support you and, working with our other federal partners, prevent infections, save lives, improve healthcare quality and reduce healthcare costs. It's a tall order, but one that we will accomplish together.



## News...

The CDC HAI/ARRA Web site now includes:

- A Resource section to assist you in communication with potential collaboration partners
- Resource library includes all presentations from October kick-off meeting  
<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/recoveryact/library.html>

## Coming Up This Week...

**Wednesday, November 18: State HAI Plan webinar.** CDC and HHS presentation for states that did not attend the ELC HAI grantee meeting. However, any state is welcome to attend. PowerPoint (presented at the ELC HAI meeting) and Q/A.

SESSION 1- 10:30a-11:30a EST  
Bridge line: 1-888-469-0873  
Pass code: 4722420  
Webinar/Live Meeting: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW2145855&p=4722420&t=c>  
Webinar pass code: PW2145855

SESSION 2 – 3:00p-4:00p EST  
Bridge line: 1-888-469-1087  
Pass code: 8930930  
Webinar/Live Meeting <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW2145817&p=8930930&t=c>  
Webinar pass code: PW2145817

**Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) HAI Working Group Call:** This subcommittee will be meeting biweekly to allow states to ask questions of CDC public health advisors and to collaborate with each other. Please forward your contact information with a note of interest to join the HAI subcommittee to Shundra Clinton at [sclinton@cste.org](mailto:sclinton@cste.org) To join CSTE, visit <http://www.cste.org/dnn/JoinCSTE/tabid/96/Default.aspx>



**Wednesday, November 18 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST: DHQP's NHSN State Users Group Monthly Call.** Exchange information and experiences with CDC and states that are using NHSN. Employees of state or local health departments only.  
Bridge line: 1-866-711-8432  
Pass code: 6037077

**Thursday, November 19, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST: DHQP Prevention and Response Branch Call “Attributes of a Successful Collaborative.”** Begin partnering with select external resources and with DHQP prevention liaison members. Hear general “lessons learned” and learn about resources for states to engage external partners.  
Bridge line: 1-888-994-8792  
Pass code: 6958311

