



A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE FOR STAFF WORKING IN WAKE COUNTY  
FACILITIES PROVIDING LONG TERM CARE FOR SENIORS

## Communicable Disease Prevention and Management: Partnering for Better Patient Outcomes

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Wake County Commons Building, Classroom 100  
4011 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610

This interactive conference will provide current information and useful tools to prevent and respond to communicable disease in healthcare settings providing long term care for seniors.. Content will include:

- Identifying signs and symptoms of specific diseases and conditions;
- Recognizing potential outbreaks;
- Responding appropriately to prevent further disease transmission; and
- Reporting processes required by state and local laws.

Discussion will also include effective ways facilities can partner with Wake County Health and Human Services and Wake County Environmental Services to improve resident outcomes related to communicable diseases and conditions.

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# Communicable Disease Prevention and Management: Partnering for Better Patient Outcomes

## Target Audience

All staff working in Wake County healthcare facilities caring for seniors long-term. This includes staff with the following responsibilities: providing direct care and supportive services to residents, making medical decisions, educating, and managing staff, and ensuring adherence to regulatory and legal requirements.

## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be able to:

- Describe required reporting processes and guidelines related to local and state laws.
- Explain the appropriate clinical response to specific communicable diseases that will prevent further disease transmission.
- Identify signs and symptoms of specific communicable diseases.
- Describe strategies, policies and processes that should be in place to prevent communicable disease in long term care facilities.
- Recognize communicable disease outbreaks.
- Explain the appropriate clinical response to specific communicable diseases that will prevent further disease transmission.

## Agenda

8:00 am	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30	<b>Welcome, Recognition and Announcements</b> Michelle Ricci, BS Barbara McNeill, MSN, RN, NPD-BC
8:45	<b>Introduction and Conference Overview</b> Ruth Lassiter, RN
9:00	<b>Communicable Diseases and Reporting Chain of infection Overview</b> Ruth Lassiter, RN
9:30	<b>Break</b>
9:45	<b>Communicable Disease Transmission</b>  Common Communicable Diseases Impacting LTC Nancy Phillips, BSN, RN Cynthia Melvin, MSN, BSN, RN  Implications for Environmental Services Karla Crowder, REHS James Smith, REHS
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45	<b>Breaking the Chain of Infection/Universal Precautions</b> Karla Crowder, REHS Pamela Rowell, RN, LTC-CIP Tammy Seagroves, RN
1:45	<b>Break</b>
2:00	<b>Communicable Disease Outbreaks</b> Nancy Phillips, BSN, RN Pamela Rowell, RN, LTC-CIP Tammy Seagroves, RN Karla Crowder, REHS
3:00	<b>Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE)</b> Evelyn Cook, RN, CIC
3:30	<b>Partnering Strategies</b> Pamela Rowell, RN, LTC-CIP Nancy Phillips, BSN, RN Karla Crowder, REHS

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## Speakers

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### **Evelyn Cook, RN, CIC**

Associate Director SPICE  
University of NC at  
Chapel Hill

### **Karla Crowder, REHS**

Training Coordinator  
Environmental Health  
and Safety  
Wake County Environmental  
Services (WCES)

### **Ruth Lassiter, RN**

Communicable Disease  
Manager  
Wake County Department of  
Health and Human Services  
(WCHHS)

### **Cynthia Melvin, MSN, BSN, RN**

TB and Refugee Health  
Nursing Supervisor  
WCHHS

### **Nancy Phillips, BSN, RN**

Communicable Disease  
Team Nursing Supervisor  
WCHHS

### **Michelle Ricci, BS Health Education**

Public Health Educator  
WCHHS

### **Pamela Rowell, RN, LTC-CIP**

Clinical Educator/  
Infection Preventionist  
UNC Rex Rehabilitation and  
Nursing Care Center of Apex

### **Tammy Seagroves, RN**

Communicable Disease  
Nurse Team Lead  
WCHHS

### **James Smith, REHS**

Environmental Health  
Program Manager  
Food and Lodging  
WCES

## Planning Committee

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### **Karla Crowder, REHS**

Training Coordinator  
Environmental Health  
and Safety  
WCES

### **Mark Foreman**

Executive Director  
Cadence at Wake Forest

### **Ruth Lassiter, RN**

Communicable Disease  
Manager  
WCHHS

### **Barbara McNeill, MSN, RN, NPD-BC**

Associate Director, Nursing  
Wake Area Health Education  
Center (WAHEC)

### **Sharri D. Oxendine, MBA**

Project Coordinator  
Perinatal and Allied Health  
WAHEC

### **Nancy Phillips, BSN, RN**

Communicable Disease  
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### **Samantha Sparano**

Environmental Consultant  
Environmental Health and  
Safety  
WCES

## Credit

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**6.0 Nursing Contact Hours:** Wake Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Nursing Education is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

### **Nursing Home Administrators (NCBENHA):**

Wake Area Health Education Center will provide 6.0 Clock Hours. (Pending Approval)

**Wake AHEC CEU:** Wake AHEC will provide 0.6 CEU to participants upon completion of this program activity.

A participant must attend 100% of the activity to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

**Contact Hours:** Wake AHEC will provide up to 6.0 contact hours to participants upon completion of this program activity.

## Registration Fee

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- Registration fee is waived due to the generous support of Wake County Health and Human Services.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- If registered but cannot attend, substitutions are encouraged.
- To assure quality programming and safety for all participants, babies and children may not attend this program.
- Attendance at this activity grants permission for Wake AHEC to use any photographs, audio, video, or other images from this activity for promotional or educational purposes. Please notify an AHEC staff member if you have concerns.
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**Questions?** Contact Sharri Oxendine at 919-350-0461 or [soxendine@wakeahec.org](mailto:soxendine@wakeahec.org).