



January 2026

Membership
Meeting

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ATTENDANCE COUNTS!





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Agenda

Orange County Public Health Update

Approve Previous Minutes

Forward From Fumbles

Regulatory Sharing

President Report

- **Board Recognition**
- **Open Board Positions**
- **APIC '26**

Board Reports

Winter Mingle Event Promotion

Round Table



The Scoop on Public Health



**Updates
with**



**Dr. Christopher
Zimmerman, MD, MPH
Public Health Officer**



Local Public Health Updates

Christopher M. Zimmerman, MD, MPH
Deputy Medical Director Communicable Disease Control

January 5, 2026

Seasonal Respiratory Reporting

CDC Community Levels

Community viral activity level in the United States

COVID-19	Flu	RSV
Moderate	High	Very Low

What it is: A measure of viral activity in the community through testing wastewater (sewage). Wastewater monitoring can detect viruses infecting people in a community.

Why it matters: When levels are high, it might indicate that there is a higher risk of infection.

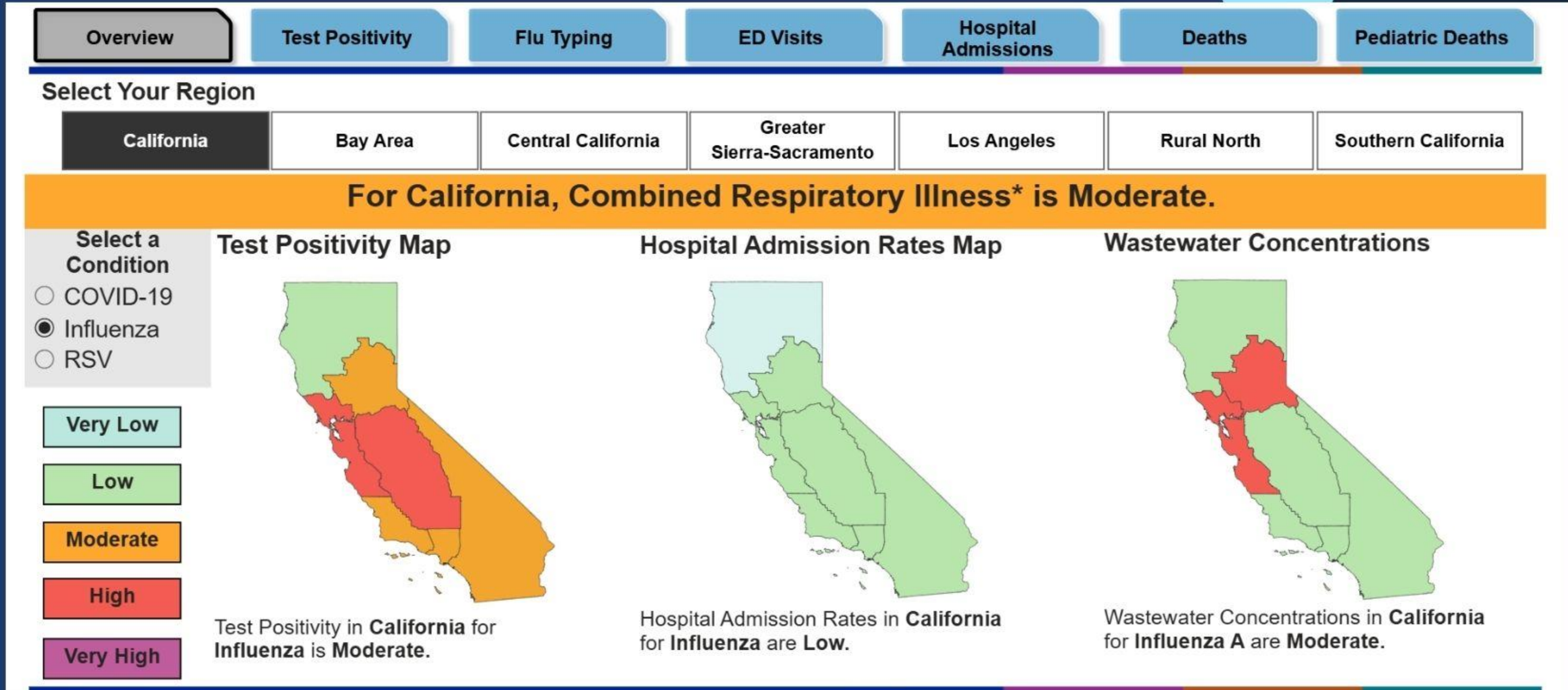
[Community viral activity level map »](#)

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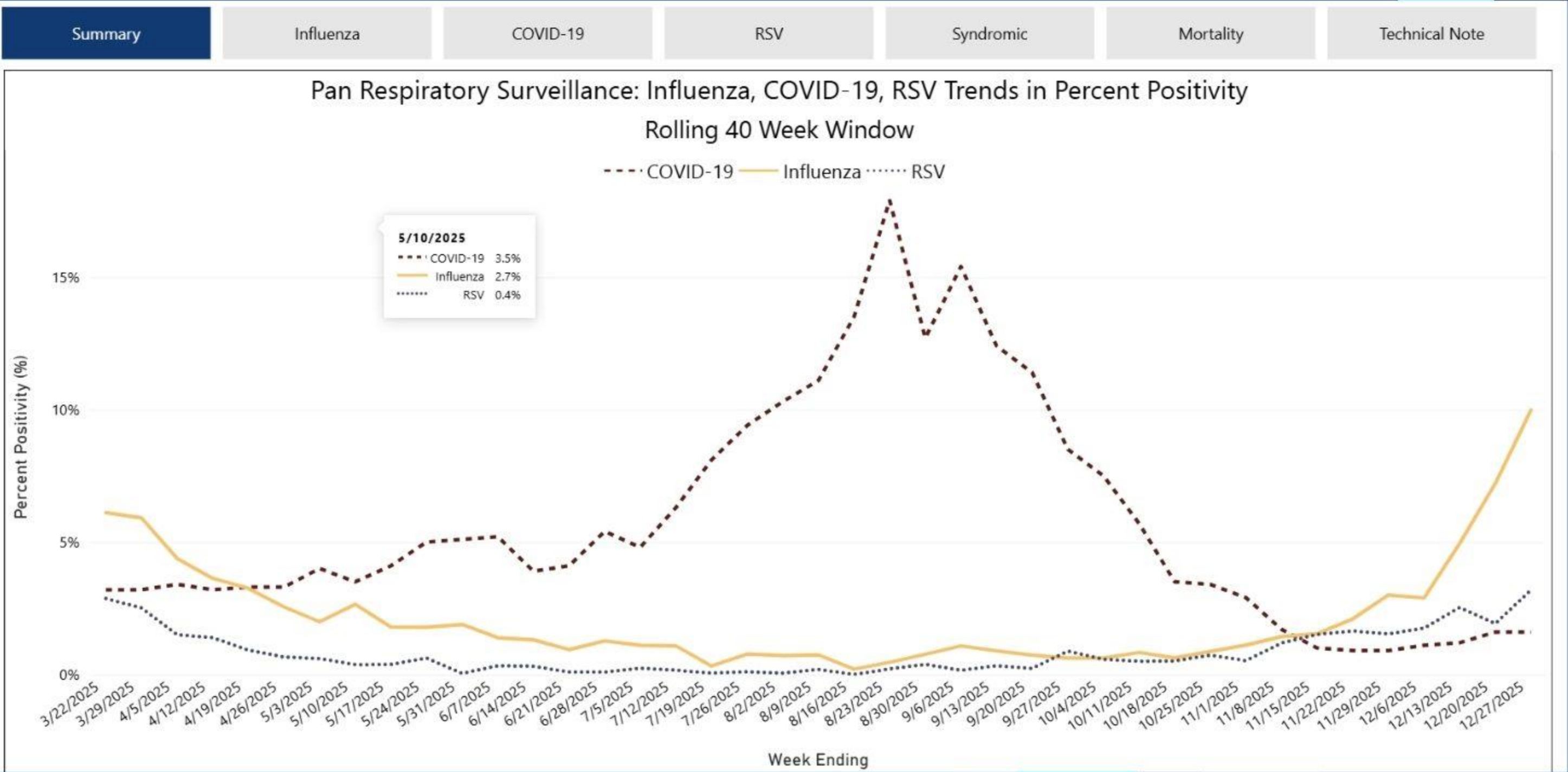
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<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data/activity-levels.html>

Statewide Influenza Activity



OC Respiratory Trends



Summary

Influenza

COVID-19

RSV

Syndromic

Mortality

Technical Note

Percent Positivity

Laboratory

Hospitalization

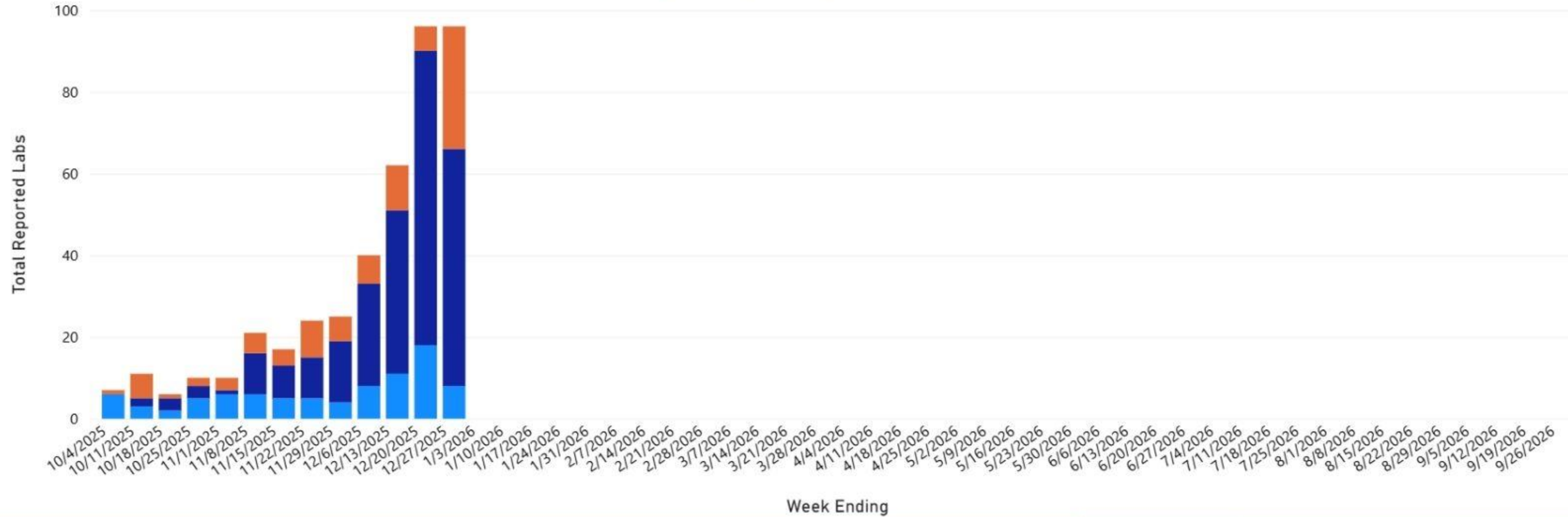
Immunization

Subtyping Results

Multiple selections ▾

Influenza Subtyping Results by Week

● A/H109 ● A/H3 ● B/Unknown



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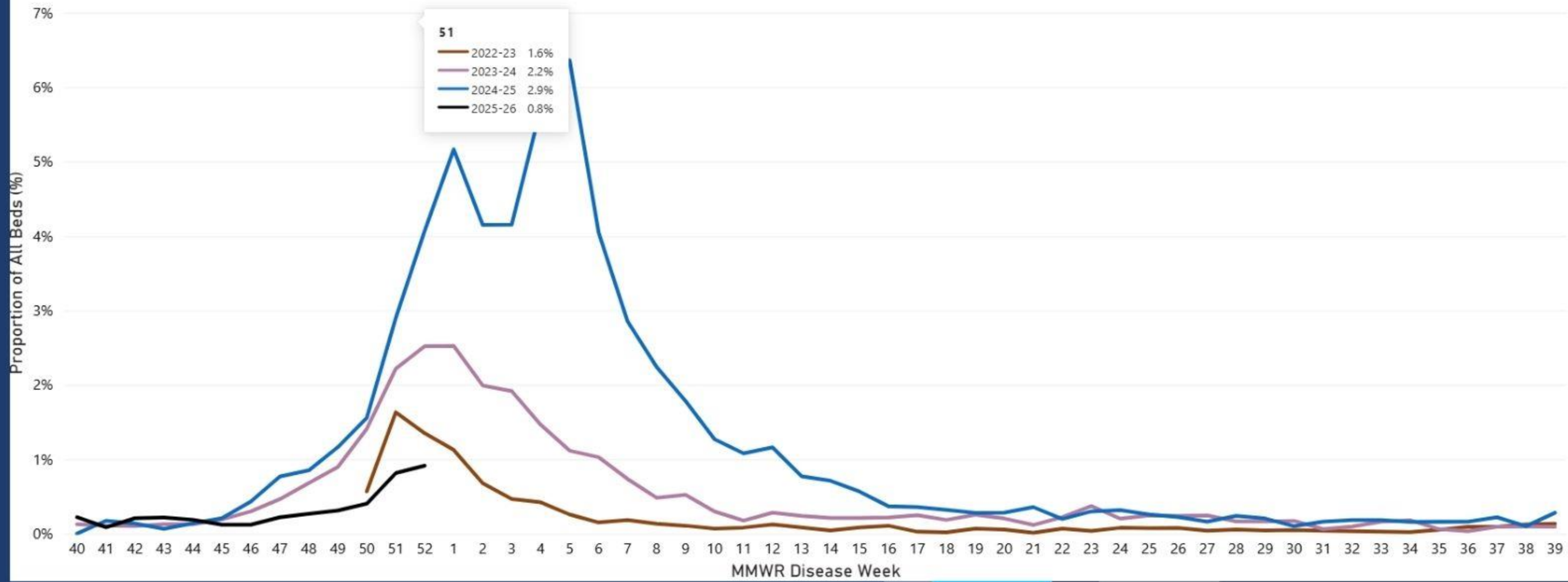
Influenza Admission as a Proportion of Hospital Beds, National Healthcare Safety Network







— 2022-23 — 2023-24 — 2024-25 — 2025-26



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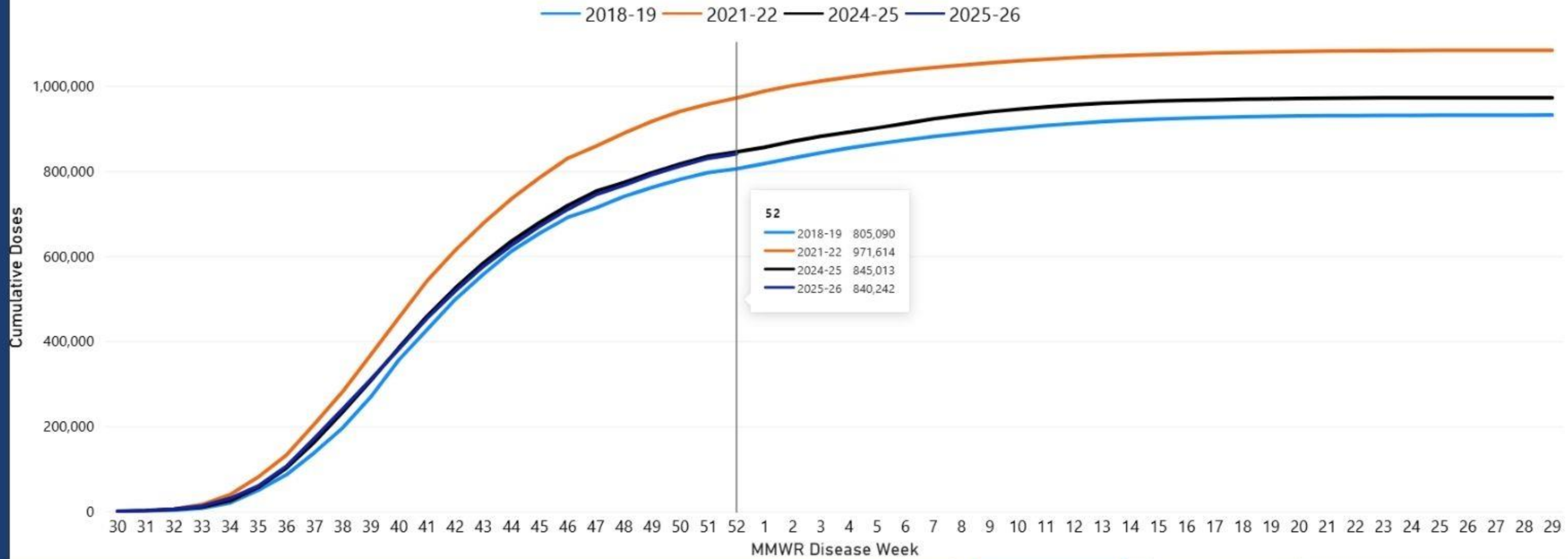
Hospitalization

Immunization

Season

Multiple selections ▾

Influenza Immunization Administered by Week and Season



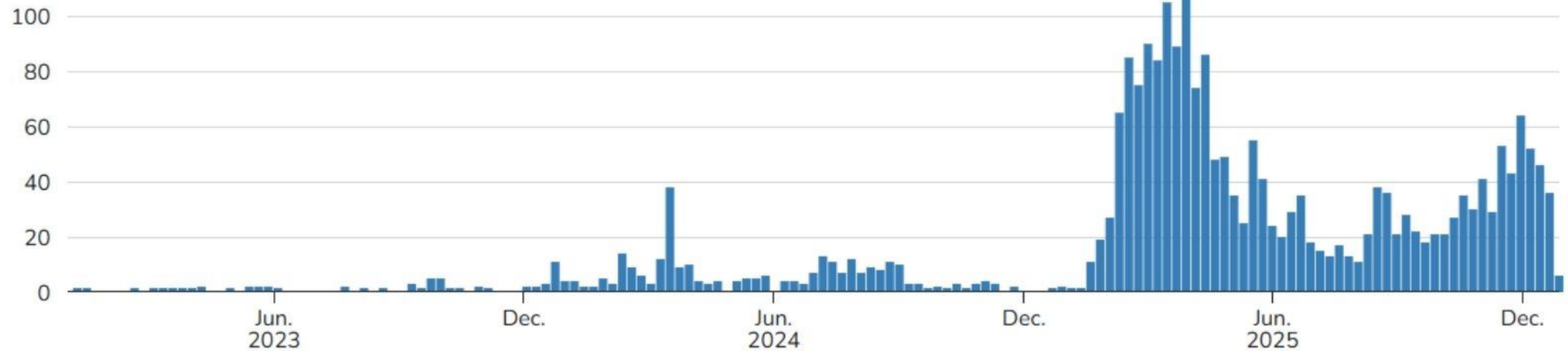
Measles

U.S. Measles

Weekly measles cases by rash onset date

2023–2025* (as of December 30, 2025)

120 measles cases



U.S. Cases in 2025

Total cases

2065

Age

Under 5 years: **537 (26%)**

5-19 years: **865 (42%)**

20+ years: **650 (31%)**

Age unknown: **13 (1%)**

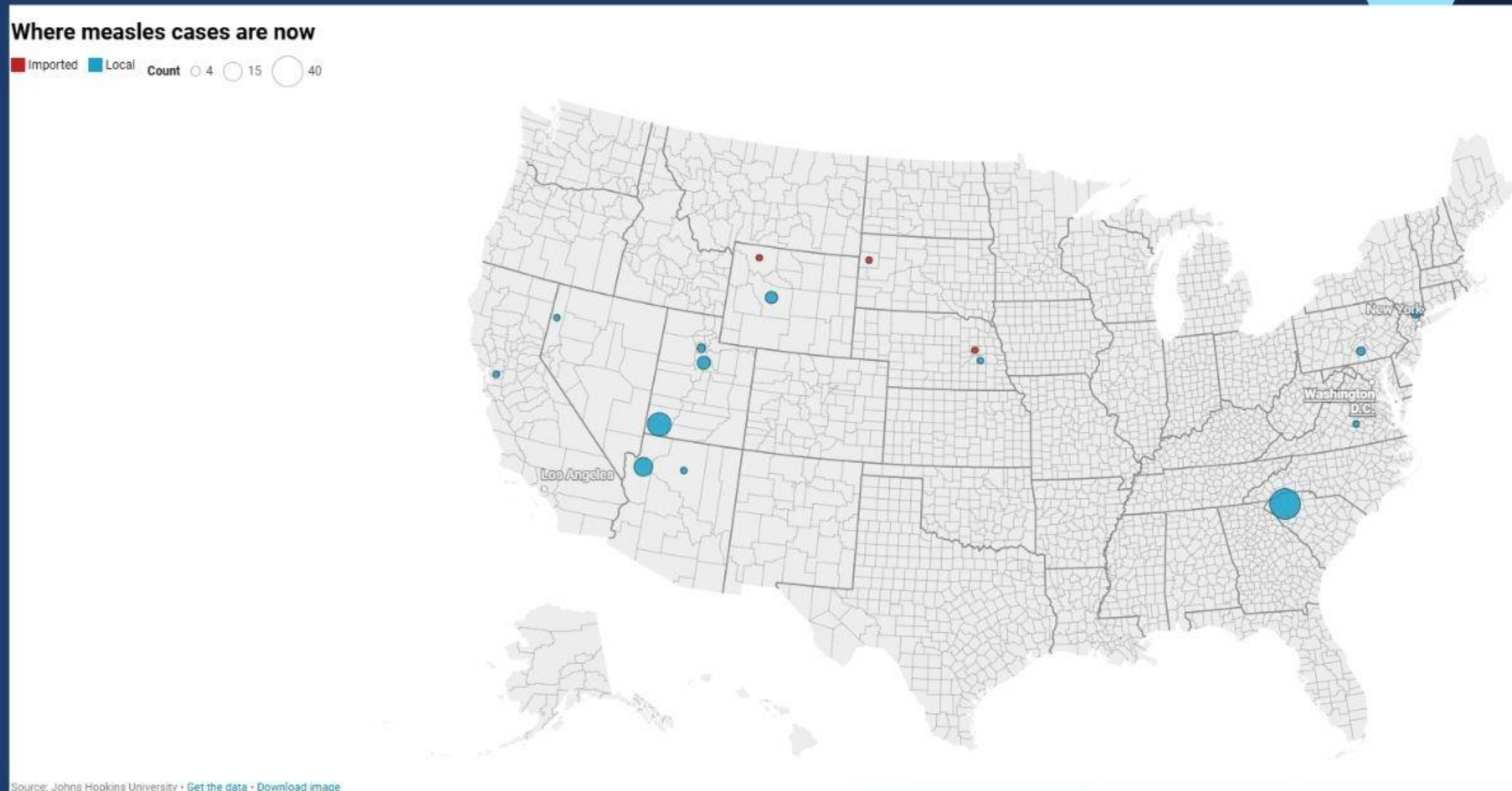
Vaccination Status

Unvaccinated or Unknown: **93%**

One MMR dose: **3%**

Two MMR doses: **4%**

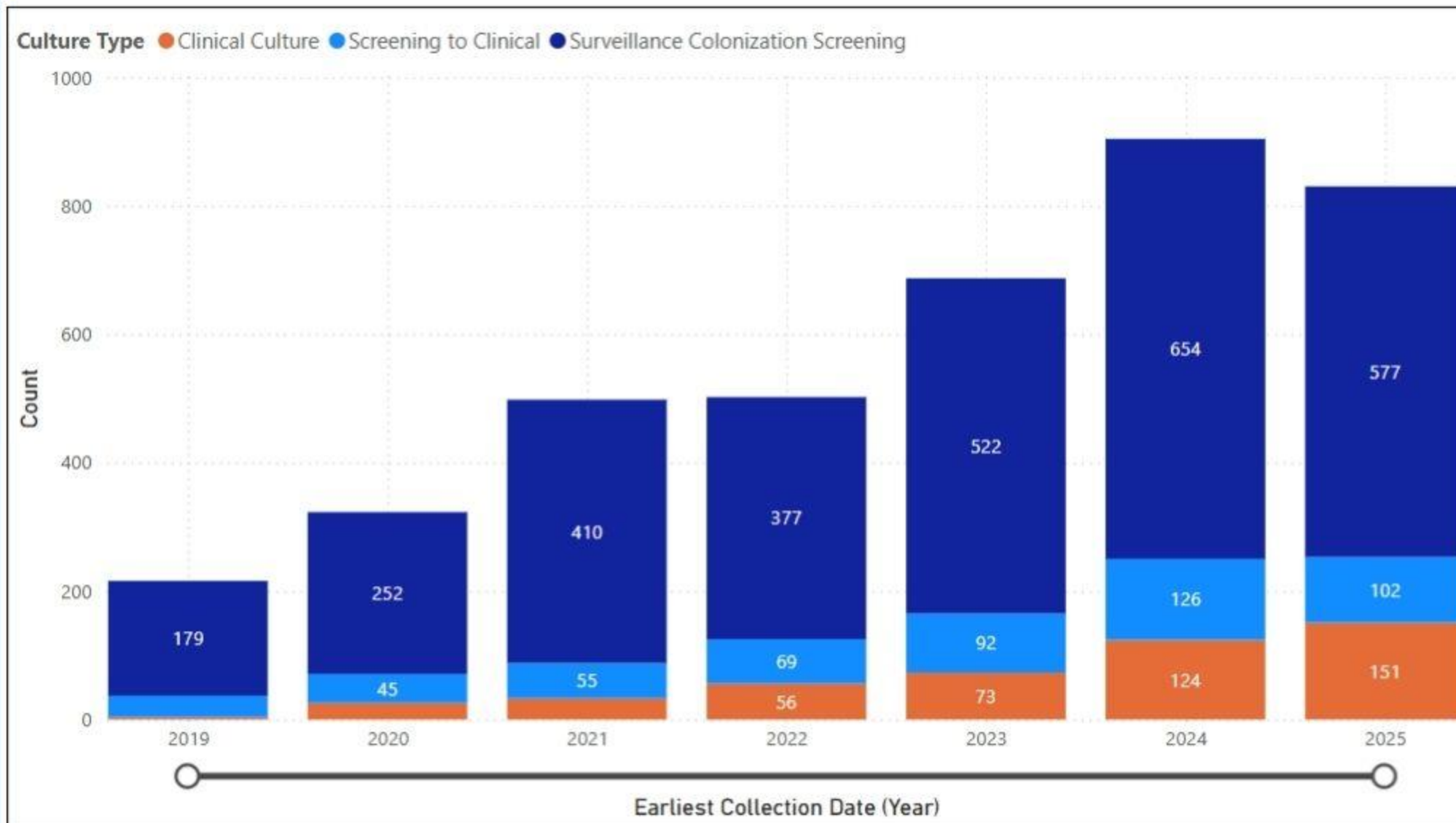
Current Measles in U.S.



Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDRO)

Candida auris - Local

Orange County *C. auris* cases by Earliest Collection Date



Total Cases

3,960

Age Group

All

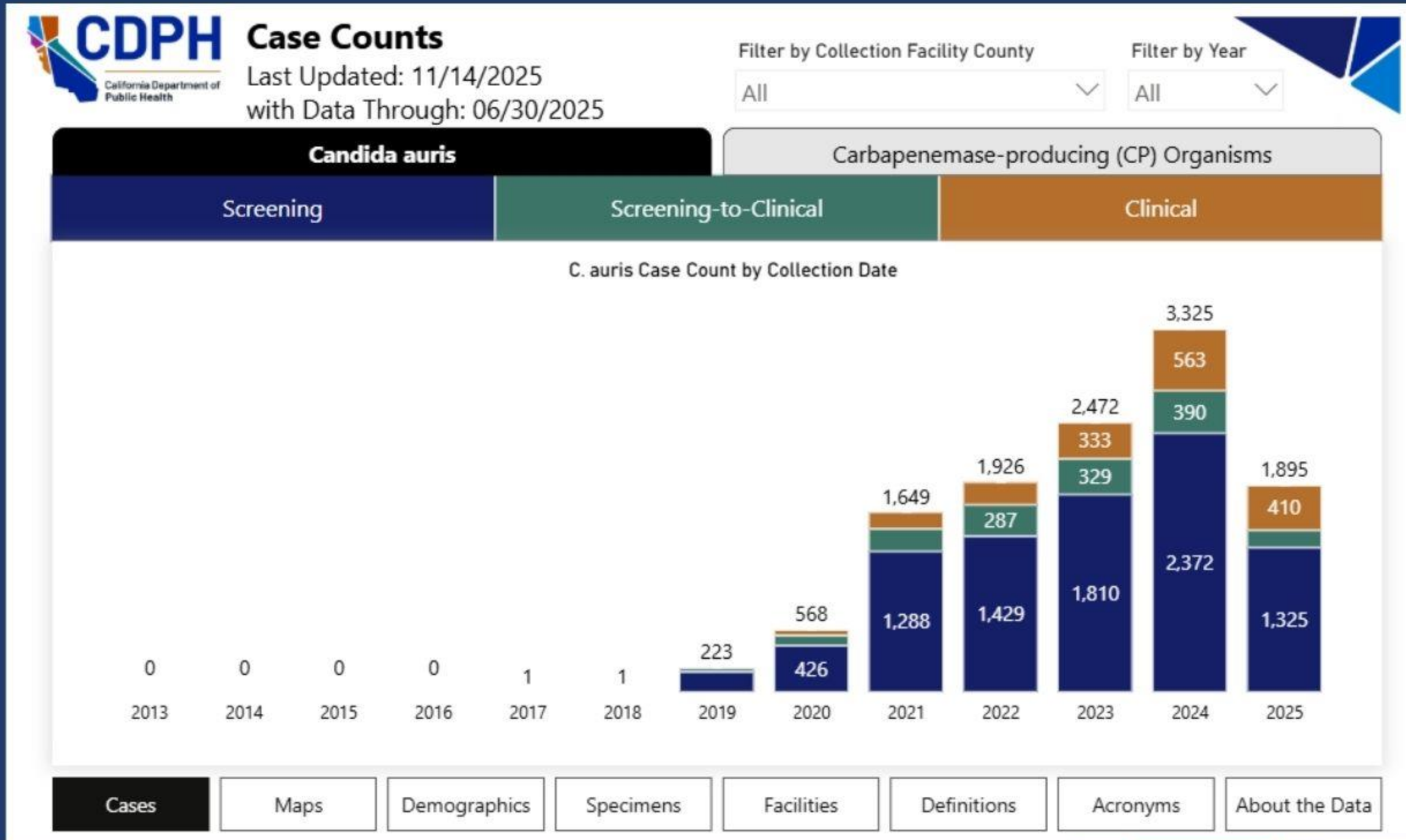
Facility Type

All

Monthly Cases

Yearly Cases

C. Auris - California





Thank You Questions?



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Member Meeting Minutes: 11/11/2025

Hybrid: Fullerton Urgent Care/Virtual Teams Meeting

	Agenda Item	Presenter	Minutes	Time
1	Call to order	Emily	<p>Emily called the meeting to order and presented the agenda.</p> <p><u>Meeting agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange County Public Health Update • Approve Previous Minutes • President Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Open Board Positions ➢ 2026 Meeting Date Change ➢ Winter Social - Board Hand-off ➢ Forward from Fumbles • Board Reports • HAI Review • Microlearning Session • Educational Award Presentations • Round Table <p>Emily introduced the idea of adding micro learning sessions for 2026, maybe to build increased engagement and that way we continue to have information and stuff that's digestible in its content.</p> <p>Emily also reminded the members to scan the QR code to capture attendance.</p>	12:00-12:05
2	OCHCA Report	Mimi Le	November report deferred (due to the fact that it is Veteran's Day)	12:05-12:15
3	Review/Approve last meeting Minutes	Emily / all members	Emily asked for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was passed and the September minutes were approved (Stacy with a motion to approve and Lillian with a second).	12:15-12:20
4	Changes to our Chapter meetings in 2026	Emily	<p>Emily presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>Chapter meeting date</u> is going to be the first rather than the second Tuesday of the month for 2026, at the St Jude Urgent Care Center in Fullerton. • In 2026, we are going to be doing <u>Micro-Learning sessions</u>. 	



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5	Forward from Fumbles		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily solicited member feedback regarding any of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regulatory sharing ➤ Lessons learned ➤ Creative improvements ➤ Good catch <p>Members did not have any of the above to share.</p>	
6	Membership Spotlight	Claudia Skinner, DNP, RN, CIC, CCRN-k, NE-BC, FAPIC	Claudia, who is on the verge of retirement but plans to stay very involved with APIC, briefly shared her journey in infection prevention with the members. Details on the slides.	
7	President's Report	Emily	<p>Emily presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Distribution Report: 133 active members, of whom 56 (42%) are certified; 55 have their CIC, one has AIPC, one has long term CIP. We have two ALCIPS and six FAPICs; 15 in the grace period, most of whom are vendors, and 2 (13%) certified. Emily stated she had been sending letters to the grace period or lapsed members letting them know the Chapter would like them to rejoin if they can. There was consensus from the Board to continue sending these letters in 2026. Emily shared that she just received her Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention (AL-CIP) certification. Welcome to the 2026 Board of Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Claudia Skinner, DNP, RN, CIC, CCRN-k, NE-BC, FAPIC: President-Elect ➤ Vera Alfred, MHA: Membership-At-Large year 1 ➤ Stacie Fujimoto, MSN, RN, PCCN-K, CIC: Membership-At Large year 2 ➤ Todd Bloom, MPH, CIC, CHES: Webmaster ➤ Michele Hom, CIC, MS, MHA, CLM, PHM: Secretary + Membership Secretary ➤ We are still looking for a Chapter Legislative Representative (CLR). Those interested, please e-mail president at Orange County APEC dot org. Emily presented a summary of the job description for the CLR position. Membership Engagement APIC 2026: T-shirts for Chapter Pride Day / shirts for Chapter attendees. Emily solicited feedback on the shirts' design. The shirts would be paid for by the chapter. Holiday Social 2025 has been cancelled: Due to the scheduling conflicts, the holiday social for 2025 has been cancelled. This will be replaced by a Winter Social in Feb 2026 where we will be providing 3 micro learning sessions (1 full one IPU, BRN approved.) The idea of a Winter Social was met with approval from the members. Donna Law Recognition Memorial Award: Emily gave a brief summary of the 	



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			history behind this award and urged members to submit their nominations (a QR code was provided).	
8	Past-President Report	Suwannee	<p>Suwannee expressed her gratitude to those members who volunteered for Chapter service on the 2026 Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CLR position is still open and the chapter is looking for a volunteer to serve in this capacity. Suwannee shared the 2026 Legislative day interest form for those interested. • 75 Organizations Representing Public Health, Patients, Family Caregivers, and Healthcare Professionals Send Letter to the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) • Vote to Recommend the Full Schedule of Vaccines and Ensure Access and Patient Choice • Vote to Recommend the COVID-19 Vaccines for All Americans 6 Months and Older • Senate Bill 317: Wastewater surveillance • Wastewater surveillance, also known as Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WBE), is a supplementary public health tool that can track the presence and amount of viruses (for instance, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19), or other disease-causing pathogens in wastewater. • State Department of Public Health's Cal-SuWers wastewater surveillance program in state law and require the department to maintain a statewide Cal-SuWers network to test wastewater for pathogens, toxins, and other public-health indicators • Participation by local health departments and wastewater treatment facilities would be voluntary. The network would include data from the department's program plus data contributed by other monitoring programs. LegiScan • CDPH shall work with participating local health departments and treatment facilities to collect samples, and arrange for those samples to be tested by qualified laboratories. PolicyEngage • CDPH may consult with or contract with other epidemiology or public-health programs (nonprofits, academia, etc.) to support the mission of the network. • Gavin Newsome vetoed the bill on 10/6 • Future options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-introducing the bill • Seeking dedicated state funding • Narrowing or clarifying the statutory duties 	



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Legislative Issues 2025: see details on the slide. Regulatory Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APIC comments to CMS on the CY 2026 End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System proposed rule https://apic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CY2026-ESRD-PPS_final_8-26-25.pdf APIC comments to CMS on the CY 2026 Hospital Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgical Center Prospective Payment System (OPPS/ASC) proposed rule https://apic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/CY2026-OPPS-ASC_final_9-15-25.pdf Advocacy Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Shutdown: What it Means for You. https://apic.org/advocacy_update/government-shutdown-what-it-means-for-you/ Summary/ Take Home Point: continue reporting regardless of shutdown. APIC Joins Call for WHO to Prioritize IPC as Global Health Function. https://apic.org/advocacy_update/apic-joins-call-for-who-to-prioritize-ipc-as-global-health-function/ Summary: Letter asks the Director General and WHO to establish an implementation roadmap for global IPC Action Plan and Monitoring Program 	
9	Treasurer Report	Carolyn Khong	Emily presented the budget update submitted by Carolyn. Please see details on the slides.	
10	Member-At-Large Year 1	Stacie Fujimoto	<p>Stacie presented the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The educational presentation: Clean Scopes – Safe Patients will offer Continuing Education Units for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection Prevention Units (CBIC IPU's) BRN CEs HSPA approved CEs CBSPD approved CEs 23rd Annual OC APIC Conference 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday October 9, 2026 Will be hosted at Cal State University Fullerton Titan Student Union Planning Committee sign up to be sent end of December. 	
11	Member-At-Large Year 2	Nakdong Brunelle	Nakdong thanked the members for attending the annual conference at Long Beach Memorial, and added that there was great feedback about the educational topics and that the event was very successful.	



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12	Round Table / Adjournment	All	No discussion	1:00 pm
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Next Meeting: 1/6/2026

Education Presentation	Presenter	Time
Dyan Darga, MSN, RN, CGRN, NE-BC, CER Clinical Education Specialist for Endoscopy Healthmark Industries, a Getinge company	"Clean Scopes, Safe Patients: Infection Control in Today's Endoscopy." Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the infection risks associated with endoscopy procedures Explain the vital role of Infection Preventionists, as part of a multidisciplinary team, to drive compliance for safe endoscopic reprocessing practices Review each step of the scope reprocessing cycle, highlighting key points to observe for during practice reviews/audits Review some hot topics in endoscopy and how they relate to infection prevention 	1:30 – 3:30pm (1.0CE hour)

Board & Committee

President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Bernard	Member at Large Year 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacie Fujimoto (Providence St Jude)
President-Past	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suwannee Srisatidnarakul (City of Hope)	Member at Large Year 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nakdong Brunelle (MemorialCare Long Beach Med Ctr)
President-Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Rodriguez (USC)	Membership Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Hom
Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Kong (Providence Mission Hosp)	Vendor Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Kincaid (vendor)
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Salah Fouad (MemorialCare Saddleback Med Ctr)	Webmaster Social Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd (St Jude) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Bernard



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ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN INFECTION CONTROL AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, INC.

2026 ORANGE COUNTY APIC CHAPTER BYLAWS

Chapter Name:

Orange County APIC

Chapter Number:

29

Approving Board Members:

Emily Barnard

Michele Hom

Suwannee Srisatidnarakul

Salah Foud

*Entering your name above acts as your electronic signature and indicates that you have read, understand, and agree with the chapter bylaws as represented below.

ARTICLE I NAME AND SEAL

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization is the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Orange County (OC) APIC Chapter 029, hereinafter referred to as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND GOALS

Section 1. Purpose

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. ("APIC") is a multidisciplinary, voluntary, international organization with purposes as specified in its Articles of Incorporation. The Chapter shall at all times have the same purposes as those of APIC.

Section 2. Goals

To further describe, and not to limit, the purposes of APIC and Chapter as described in the APIC Articles of Incorporation, Chapter shall conduct its activities with the following goals:

- To improve the practice of infection prevention and epidemiology by disseminating high-quality education, fostering a strong professional community, and providing mentorship that supports the development and advancement of members.
- To advance the field of infection prevention and epidemiology through the promotion and implementation of evidence-based practices, supporting continuous professional growth and excellence.
- To promote board certification in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology to protect the public by ensuring that professionals meet a standardized level of knowledge, competency, and ethical practice.

ARTICLE III TAX STATUS

The Chapter shall operate at all times consistent with the requirements of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or a successor statute.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. *Membership Categories*

- Membership in the Chapter is a privilege. Members must comply with membership requirements in these bylaws and in applicable policies as may be established by APIC and/or Chapter from time to time. In addition to other specifications, qualifications, and requirements, only individuals who are members of APIC shall qualify as members of the Chapter.
- Categories:
 - Undergraduate Student Member**
Undergraduate Student Members shall be individuals enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program at an accredited institution, who have never been employed in infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology. Undergraduate Student Members may not vote, hold elected office, or serve on committees.
 - Graduate Student Member**
Graduate Student Members shall be individuals enrolled in a master's or doctorate program at an accredited institution, who have never been employed in infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology. Graduate Student Members may not vote, hold elected office, or serve on committees.
 - New to Profession Member**
New to Profession Members shall be individuals occupationally or professionally involved in the practice of infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology for up to three years. Such members may vote in elections or when a membership vote is required by Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws or requested by the Board of Directors, serve on committees, and hold elected office. Individuals can be in this category for three years, not to exceed their first three years in infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology.
 - Professional Member**
Professional Members shall be individuals occupationally or professionally involved in the practice of infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology. Such members may vote in elections or when a membership vote is required by Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws or requested by the Board of Directors, serve on committees, and hold elected office.
 - Associate Member**
Associate Members shall be individuals occupationally or professionally involved in the practice of infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology who are employed by Industry (ex. manufacturer, vendor, products/services to IPs). Such members may vote in elections or when a membership vote is required by Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws or requested by the Board of Directors. They may serve in appointed capacities however they cannot hold elected office.
 - Supporting Member**
Supporting Members shall be individuals who are not actively involved in the practice of infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology. Supporting Members may not vote, hold elected office or serve on committees.
 - Retired Member**
Retired Members shall be individuals who are no longer actively involved in the practice of infection prevention and control and/or epidemiology and who have had five (5) consecutive years of Professional or Associate APIC membership prior to retirement. Retired Members may vote in elections or when a membership vote is required by Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws or requested by the Board of Directors and serve on committees, however, they may not hold elected office.



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The New to Profession Members and Professional Members, Associate Members and Retired Members categories may be collectively referred to as “Voting Members.”

The New to Professional Members and Professional Members categories may hold elected office.

The New to Professional Members, Professional Members, Associate Members may serve as appointed members and committee members.

Section 2. Membership Duration and Renewal

The term of membership in Chapter shall be the same as the term of membership in APIC, as determined according to APIC’s Bylaws and other applicable governing documents.

Section 3. Membership in Local Chapters

All members of the local chapters of APIC must also be members of APIC.

Section 4. Dues

National dues for each calendar year shall be determined by the APIC Board of Directors and APIC policy.

Chapter membership dues shall be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. Chapter membership dues shall be within the specified range and shall not exceed those of the APIC.

Section 5. Termination

Any Chapter member may be terminated from Chapter membership by the Chapter Board of Directors upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Chapter Board of Directors then in office whenever, in the Board’s judgment, the best interests of APIC and the Chapter would be served thereby. The member for whom termination is being considered shall be given notice of the meeting at which a decision for termination is to be considered and shall be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the Chapter Board’s final decision. The Chapter Board of Directors may provide for subsequent reinstatement of members terminated in this manner.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Annual Meetings

The Chapter shall hold an annual meeting of its members at least once during the fiscal year. The Chapter’s annual meeting shall be held at such time as directed by the Chapter Board of Directors. Proposed bylaw revisions may be voted on by the Voting Members during this annual meeting or by written ballot. Voting Members shall be provided with at least 10 days’ notice prior to the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership may be called at the request of the President, the Directors, or upon the written request of at least 10% of Voting Members. Voting Members shall be provided with at least 2 days’ notice prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum

The number of Voting Members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Chairman

The President shall preside as Chairman at all meetings of the Voting Membership. In the absence of the President from any meeting of the Voting Members, the President-Elect or other officer as directed by the President shall serve as temporary Chairman.

Section 5. Manner of Acting

The act of a majority of the Voting Members present at a duly called meeting of the Voting Members at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Voting Membership, except as otherwise provided by law or Chapter’s governing documents. Voting Members shall be permitted to vote by proxy, provided that the proxy is executed by the Voting Member or the Voting Member’s representative not more than six (6) months before the scheduled meeting. Proxies shall become invalid following the meeting for which they are executed.

Section 6. Action without Meeting

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Voting Members or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Voting Members may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. Composition

The officers shall be: President, President-Elect, Chapter Legislative Representative, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and Secretary, Membership-at-Large Year One, Webmaster. The President-Elect may be combined with Chapter legislative Representative. The Treasurer and Secretary roles may be combined. The office of Secretary is optional. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws; perform those duties as usually pertain to their respective offices; and perform those duties prescribed by the Chapter Board of Directors.

Section 2. Duties

Without limitation, the duties of the respective offices are as follows:

- A. President. The President shall be directly responsible to the Chapter Board of Directors for the administration of the Chapter. The President shall preside at all Chapter Board of Directors meetings and all member meetings.



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- B. President-elect. The President-elect shall prepare to assume the office of President and fill the office of President should that office become vacant for the remainder of the term.
- C. Chapter Legislative Representative. The Chapter Legislative Representative shall monitor local, state, and federal legislative and regulatory issues affecting infection prevention. Serve as the liaison between the chapter and APIC National on advocacy matters. Communicate relevant policy updates to chapter leadership and members. Encourage member participation in APIC advocacy initiatives. Build relationships with public health and regulatory stakeholders as needed.
- D. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee and be responsible for the management of the financial affairs of the Association. In this role, the Treasurer shall oversee the preparation of periodic financial reports for the Chapter Board of Directors, review financial affairs of the Chapter, oversee the preparation of the annual budget and present it to the Chapter Board of Directors, and be a member or consultant to any committee having responsibility for the Chapter's monies. Shall be bonded.
- E. Treasurer-Elect. The Treasurer-elect shall prepare to assume the office of Treasurer and fill the office of Treasurer should that office become vacant for the remainder of the term.
- F. Secretary. The Secretary shall oversee the accurate recording and transcribing of the minutes of all Chapter membership and Chapter Board of Directors meetings and submit all minutes to the Chapter Board of Directors in accord with the procedure established by the Chapter Board of Directors. Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of chapter membership. Regularly downloads the member and certification list generated the official OC APIC Chapter roster.
- G. Membership-at-Large Year One (1). The Membership-at-Large Year 1 shall attend Chapter Leader Day and National APIC activities to support the identification and procurement of high-quality speakers available nationally. Conduct an annual needs assessment to identify educational priorities and topics relevant to membership. Shall plan monthly education series and maintain all records in alignment with California BRN requirements.
- H. Webmaster. The Webmaster shall collect, curate, and post timely visual, historical, and written content to maintain an accurate, engaging, and accessible chapter website that reflects current events, achievements, and resources. They collaborate with chapter leadership to ensure content aligns with APIC values while monitoring and improving the chapter's digital presence and member engagement.

Section 3. Terms of Office

- A. The President shall serve for a term of one to two years, as determined by the Chapter Board or until a successor has assumed office.
- B. The President-elect shall serve for a term of one to two years, as determined by the Chapter Board or until a successor has assumed office.
- C. The Chapter Legislative Representative shall serve for a term of one year, as determined by the Chapter Board or until a successor has assumed office.
- D. The Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor has

assumed office; and shall be elected in opposite years of the Secretary.

- E. The Treasurer-Elect shall serve for a term of one year.
- F. The Secretary shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor has assumed office; and shall be elected in opposite years of the Treasurer.
- G. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- H. All terms of office shall begin at the first Chapter Board of Directors meeting of the calendar year and shall continue until the officer's successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Elections and Qualifications

A qualified candidate must be an eligible active member of APIC. The officers of the Chapter shall be elected by the Chapter Voting Membership by affirmative vote of a majority of the Chapter members voting. The President-elect shall automatically succeed to the Presidency after having held the office of President-elect the preceding year.

Section 5. Vacancies

If any office becomes vacant, the Chapter Board of Directors shall elect a replacement for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6. Removal

Any officer, regardless of the manner of election or appointment, may be removed by the Chapter Board of Directors upon two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entire Chapter Board of Directors then in office whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Chapter and APIC would be served thereby. The officer to be removed shall be given notice of said meeting, at which a decision for removal is to be made, and shall be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the final decision.

ARTICLE VII

CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition

The Chapter Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the Immediate Past-President, Membership-at-Large Year Two, and Membership Secretary, the certain number to be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time but not to exceed 11 officers.

Section 2. Qualification and Election

Elections for positions on the Chapter Board of Directors shall be held annually prior to the beginning of terms of office. Only Chapter Voting Members may vote in elections for Chapter Board of Director positions. Directors shall be elected by plurality vote. Tie votes shall be broken by a runoff. In order to be eligible to be elected as a Chapter Director or as a member of the Chapter Nominating Committee, a candidate must be a current APIC and Chapter member in an eligible membership category. No Chapter officer or Director may hold office in a chapter and in National APIC simultaneously..

Section 3. Terms

The Chapter Directors shall serve a term of one to two (1-2) years or until a successor has assumed office. Chapter Director terms of one to two (1-2) years must be consistent across all director seats. Chapter Directors elected to the Board may not serve consecutive terms. Chapter Directors are not eligible for re-election in the same capacity until at least one (1) year has lapsed following completion of their previous terms. The



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terms of Chapter Directors shall be staggered. The immediate past President shall serve as a Chapter Director for one year upon completion of the term of office of President and cannot serve in another elected position during that year.

Section 4. Duties

The Chapter Board of Directors shall:

- A. be the governing body of the Chapter and shall establish chapter policy for conducting the business and management functions of the Chapter;
- B. oversee committee activities;
- C. authorize the official acts of the elected officials and committees;
- D. approve the slate of candidates for the ballot.

Section 5. Meetings

Regular meetings of the Chapter Board shall be held a minimum of twice yearly, at the discretion of the Chapter Board. Unless these Bylaws state otherwise, dates, notices, and agenda shall be according to policy set by the Chapter Board of Directors. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapter Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Chapter Board.

Section 6. Notice

Annual and regular meetings may be held without notice if the time and place of such meetings are fixed by these bylaws or the Board. Notice of any special meeting of the Chapter Board of Directors shall be received by each Chapter Director not less than two (2) days before the time set for such a meeting, and must include the time, date, place, and purpose of such meeting. Notice may be waived in writing by those not present prior to the meeting.

Section 7. Manner of Acting

The act of a majority of the Chapter Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Chapter Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Removal

To the extent consistent with applicable law, any Chapter Director, regardless of the manner of election or appointment, may be removed by the Chapter Board of Directors upon two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entire Chapter Board of Directors then in office whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Chapter and APIC would be served thereby. The Chapter Director to be removed shall be given notice of the meeting at which a decision for removal is to be made and shall be given an opportunity to be heard prior to the final decision.

Section 9. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the Chapter Board of Directors or any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Chapter Directors shall be filled by the Chapter Board of Directors. A Chapter Director selected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.

Section 10. Action without Meeting

Any action required to be taken at a meeting of the Chapter Board of Directors or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Chapter Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all of the Chapter Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Such consent may be delivered to the Chapter by electronic transmission, to the address specified by the Chapter for the purpose or, if no address has been specified, to the principal office of the Chapter, addressed to the secretary or other officer or agent having custody of the records of proceedings of Directors, and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken.

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Section 11. Presence through Communications Equipment

The Chapter Board of Directors may permit any or all directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Chapter Directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A Chapter Director participating in a meeting by this means is considered to be present in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

Upon resolution, an executive committee may be established by the Chapter Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee may:

- A. consist of seven to eight (7-8) members of the Chapter Board of Directors: the President, the President-elect, Chapter Legislative Representative,, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Secretary (if the office is filled), Membership-at-Large Year One, Webmaster and one member elected at the first Chapter Board meeting of the year by and from the current Chapter Board of Directors.
- B. make all necessary decisions, between Chapter Board of Directors meetings, to ensure the continuous functioning of the Chapter.

Section 2. Standing and Special Committees

Standing and Special committees are appointed by the Chapter Board.

Section 3. Nominating and Awards Committee

The composition of the Chapter Nominating Committee shall be determined by the Chapter Board. In order to be eligible to serve on the Chapter Nominating Committee, an individual must meet those qualifications for a Chapter Director stated in Article VII, Section 2. Members of this committee shall not be eligible to run for any office in the Chapter while serving on the committee. The committee shall be headed by a chairperson appointed by the committee members and approved by the Chapter Board of Directors. The committee shall:

- (i) solicit nominations for elected positions in the Chapter that are representative of a multidisciplinary local organization;
- (ii) develop procedures for the conduction of elections consistent with these Bylaws, applicable law, and APIC's Bylaws and policies, and submit such procedures for Chapter Board approval;
- (iii) develop and submit a slate of candidates for the Chapter ballot to the Chapter Board of Directors for approval with at least one (1) candidate for each vacant position;
- (iv) notify all nominees of their status regarding their candidacy
- (v) Review submitted education award applications during the designated application window.
- (vi) Facilitate a fair and unbiased Committee Review process to determine the award recipient(s).
- (vii) Notify the Chapter President, President-Elect, and Treasurer of the selected recipient(s) for disbursement and recognition.
- (viii) Develop or repurpose the memorial award applications as needed to reflect current priorities.
- (ix) Lead the Committee Review process to determine the education and memorial awardee.

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- (x) Notify the Chapter President, President-Elect, and Treasurer of the selected recipient for presentation and documentation.
- (xi)

ARTICLE IX LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Limitation of Liability

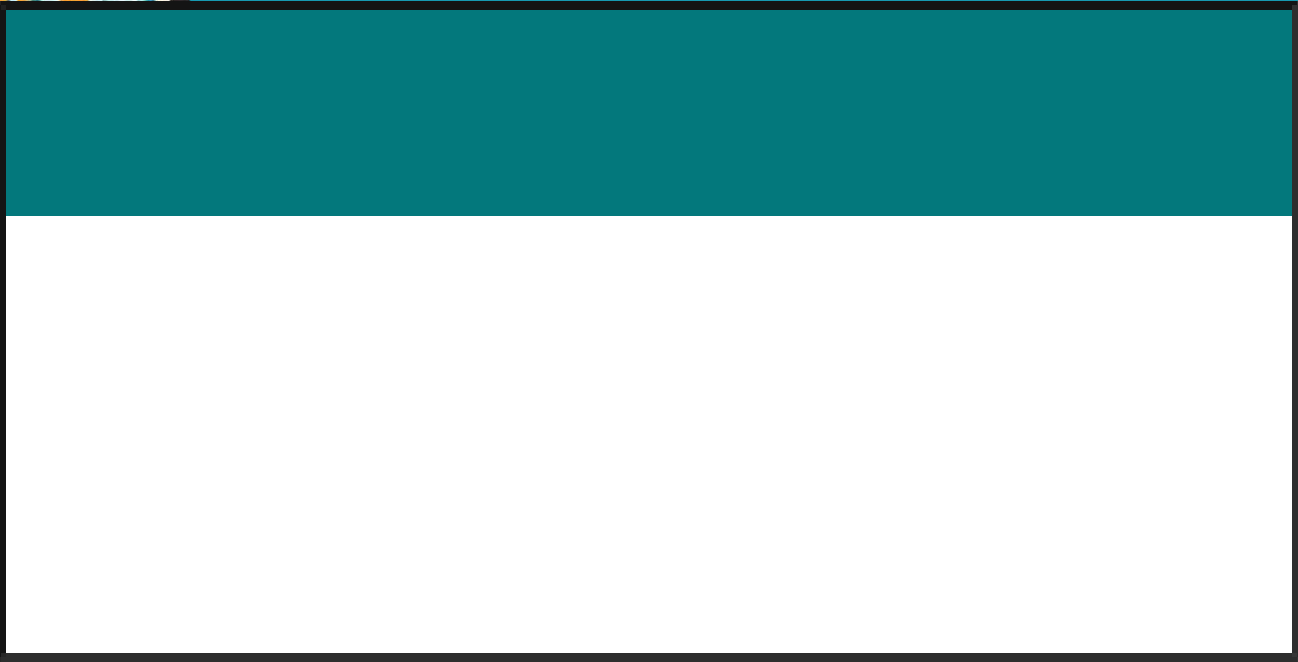
To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Chapter officer or Director shall be personally liable to APIC, the Chapter or the Chapter's members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as an officer or Director of the Chapter notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, provided however, that this provision shall not eliminate the liability of a Chapter officer or Director to the extent that such liability is imposed by applicable law, (i) for any breach of the officer's or director's duty of loyalty to the Chapter, or the Chapter's members, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or (iii) for any transaction from which there is improper personal benefit. This provision shall not eliminate the liability of an officer or director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date upon which this provision becomes effective. No amendment to or repeal of this provision shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any Chapter officer or Director for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such officer or Director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws where otherwise not dictated by law or restricted as a result of Chapter's role as a chapter of APIC may be adopted, altered, amended or repealed, and one or more new Bylaws may be adopted by both the affirmative vote of a majority of the Chapter Board of Directors and the approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapter membership voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, all assets after allowance for liabilities is made shall be distributed to APIC or, in the event APIC is no longer in existence or no longer recognized as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or any applicable successor law), such assets shall be disposed of in accordance with law and consistent with APIC's tax-exempt status.





Farewell

2025 Board of Directors and Nominations & Awards Committee

Welcome

2026 Board of Directors and Nominations & Awards Committee

Membership Recognition



Secretary Report

Membership Total	
Active Members	125
Grace Period Members	5
Vendor Partners	40

Certification Rate	
AL-CIP	2
CIC	55
FAPIC	5
LTC-IP	1
a-IPC	1

- New Member Introductions
- Newly Certified Recognitions

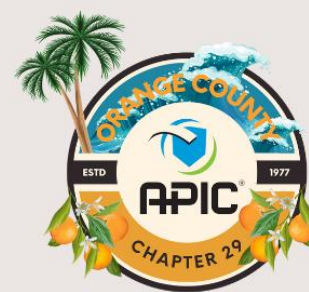


Nominations and Awards Committee (NAC)

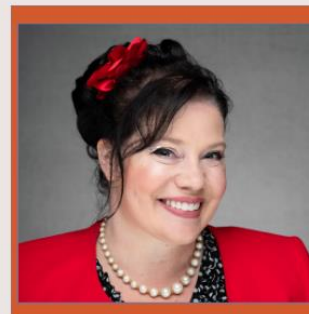


Open Positions

Nominations & Awards Committee Member



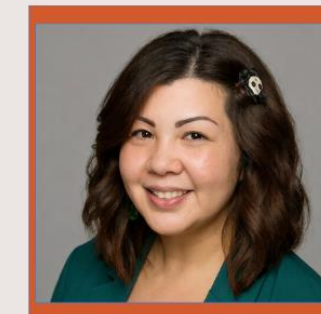
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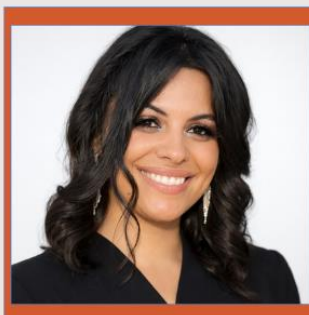
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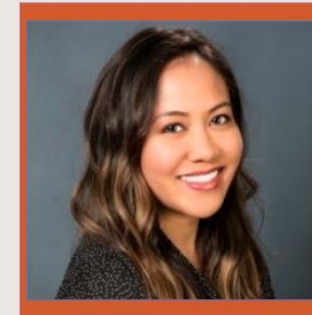
President Elect &
Chapter Legislative Representative
Claudia Skinner



Secretary
Michele
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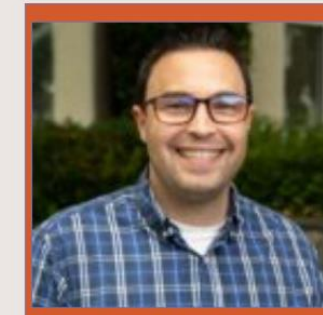


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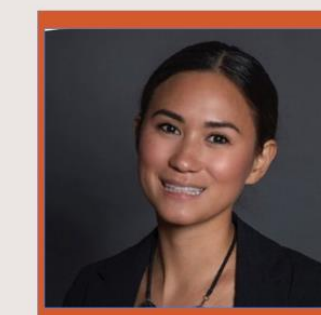


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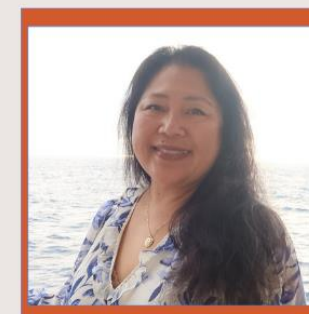


Webmaster
Todd
Bloom



Treasurer
Gina
Martinek

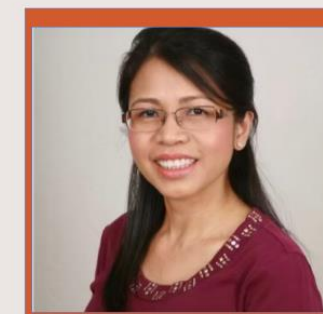
Nominations & Awards Committee



Committee Chair
Elizabeth
"Liz" Scharfe



Committee Members
Lilian
Ablir



Vendor Liaison
Lindsay
Kincaid



Forward from Fumbles

- Regulatory Sharing
- Lessons Learned
- Creative improvements
- Good Catch

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President Report

Chapter Excellence Awards

APIC Chapters provide programs, resources, and networking groups to help their members achieve higher levels of competence and connection. By sharing best practices and lessons learned, APIC's chapter network will continue to excel.

The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes programs either launched or updated in the last year. These innovative programs serve local members and support APIC's mission and strategic plan.

Chapter submissions will be evaluated based on chapter size:

- Extra Small: up to 50 members
- Small: 51-100 members
- Medium: 101-150 members
- Large: 151+ members



Membership Engagement | APIC 2026

Y'ALL READY TO ROCK?

January 28

**Registration
&
Housing Opens**

**Registration opens January 2026.
Make your plans now.**

Infection prevention is more than a job — it's a mission that saves lives and makes healthcare safer. And APIC26 is where this mission comes to life. Join us this year to access the latest research, proven strategies, and practical tools designed to elevate your practice. Together with your peers from across the globe, you'll share ideas and collaborate on solutions to strengthen the future of infection prevention.

Nashville's vibrant energy is where music, culture, and Southern hospitality come together to provide the perfect backdrop this can't-miss event.

And now, the need to unite as a community has never been greater. APIC26 is your moment to learn, lead, and advance—together.



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Critical Access Hospital Scholarship

Established in June 2023 as an IPC capacity-building award for under-resourced facilities, the CAH Scholarship program is a joint effort among APIC, APIC Consulting Services, and the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC). Each year, for three years, three critical access facilities will be awarded. Nine facilities will have completed the program by December 2026.

Each hospital receives a robust offering of services including:

- Up to 150 hours of consulting services
- 2 APIC memberships + Chapters memberships for two years
- 2 subscriptions to APIC Text for two years
- 2 a-IPC or CIC self-study prep courses
- 2 a-IPC or CIC certification exams
- Access to the APIC PolicyPro Library of Policies and Procedures for two years
- Membership in APIC's new CAH virtual network
- 2 APIC Annual Conference registrations for two years + travel (inclusive of coach airfare and three nights hotel – room and tax only)

The total value of each scholarship is over \$50,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application window is currently closed. Watch this space to learn more about the 2026 Scholarship opportunity!






Y'ALL READY TO ROCK?

DiverseyTM

A SOLENIS COMPANY

APIC 2026 Scholarship Opportunity!

 Nashville, TN

 In-person Conference

Expanding the knowledge of Infection Preventionists and creating opportunities for best practice sharing is essential to improving patient safety. That's why Diversey is proud to support the IP community by offering Educational Scholarships to attend the 2026 APIC Conference in Nashville!

 18 Scholarships Available!

Each selected recipient will receive up to \$1,000 toward travel and registration fees. Awardees will also have the opportunity to share their project with peers at a special scholarship dinner.

Who Should Apply?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- ✓ Work in the Infection Prevention functional area
- ✓ Demonstrate active engagement in an outcomes-focused project (e.g., reducing HAIs) by providing an overview of the initiative

Key Dates:

- Application Deadline: Friday, February 20, 2026
- Winners Notified: On or before Friday, March 14
- Questions? Contact Eric Cohen at

ecohen@solenis.com

Note: Winners from the previous two years are ineligible.

 Application Link:

 APIC 2026 Scholarship Application – [Fill out form](#)





Membership Engagement | AORN 2026

SHYLD

2026 OR Leadership Grants

To help support the career growth and development of aspiring Operating Room Leaders, **Shyld AI** is proud to award three \$1,500 Grants for use for any the following throughout 2026:

- Attendance of AORN Expo 2026 in New Orleans from April 11-14, 2026
- Nursing Credential programs and fees
- Continuing Education programs and fees

To apply or nominate a colleague, please complete the online application below by February 2, 2026.

Applications should include examples how applicants have impacted the effectiveness and efficiency of their facility's Operating Room Suite and plans to use the Grant funding to further their growth. No purchase is necessary to apply.

Shyld AI is committed to supporting and accelerating the growth and development of Operating Room leaders and teams globally.

Please contact Will Gerard at will@shyld.ai with any questions.

<https://www.shyld.ai/or-grants>





President Report

Monthly Membership Spotlights

- CBIC standardized questions

CBIC Membership Spotlight



Membership Spotlight



CLAUDIA SKINNER, DNP, RN
CIC, CCRN-K, NE-BC, FAPIC

**Honoring Our Team's Dedication
CIC® in the Spotlight
First Certified: 2015**

1. Why did you choose a career in infection prevention and control?

I didn't really choose it. I was assigned to this role by my CEO about 15 years ago. He showed me the APIC site and said to "figure it out". No regrets.

2. What advice would you give someone who is interested in an infection prevention and control career?

Infection Prevention is broad and fascinating. You MAY deal with everything from weekend calls about a person of interest being monitored for EBOLA to a Friday afternoon scabies outbreak. IP is not for the weak of mind or stomach! Get used to talking about consistency of stool while eating lunch.

3. What does being a CIC® mean to you?

CIC has never meant that I know all. It simply has meant that I know a "few things" but more importantly that I now know where to find any information that I may need to function within a healthcare system.



President Report

Microlearning Sessions:

- HAI Review
- Research
- Presentation (Award/Lessons Learned)
- Poster, oral, national Abstracts

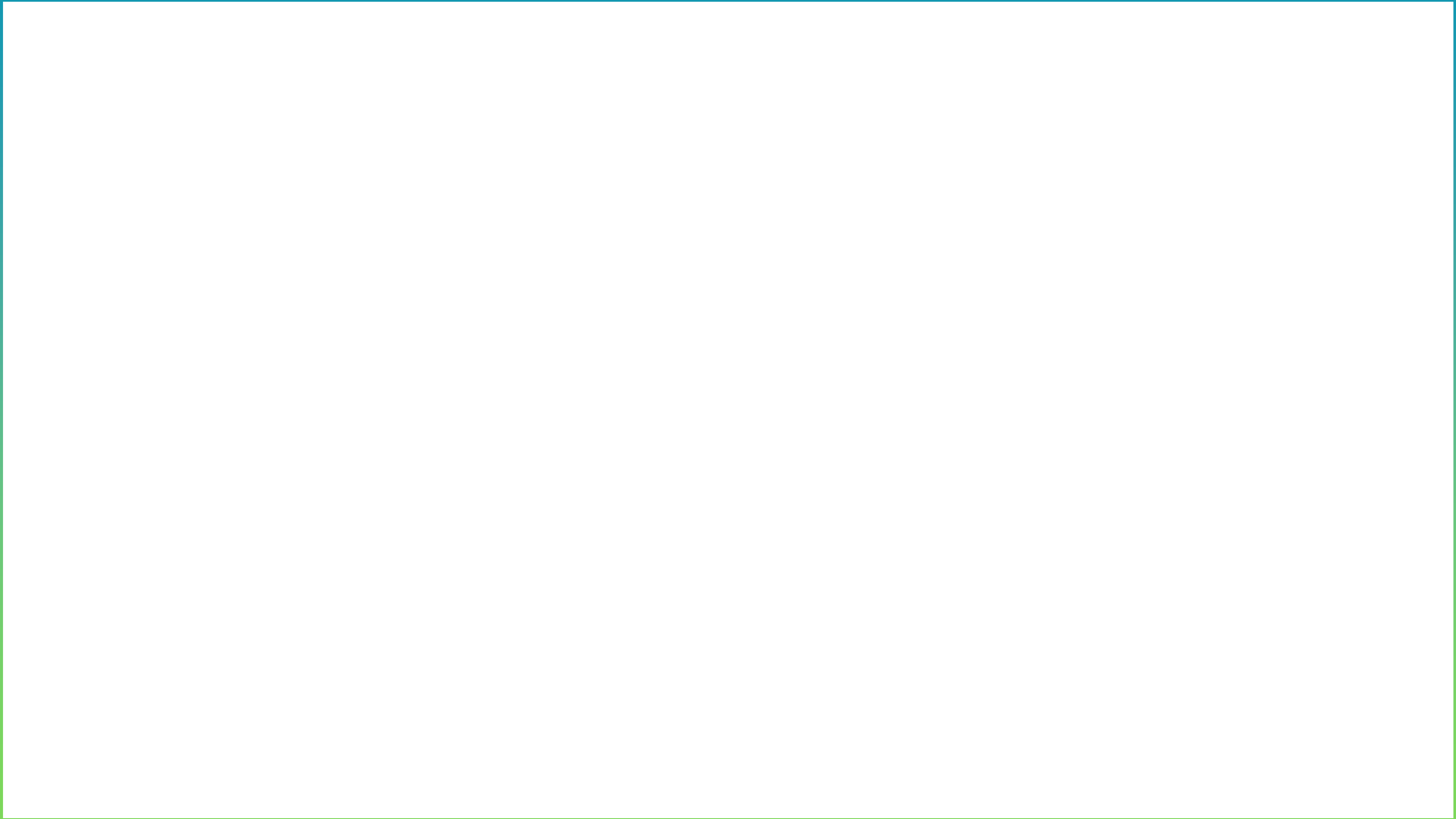




President Report Nominations/Awards Committee

Education Awards Open February

1. **\$1000 Dr. Matthew Zahn**
2. **\$1000**
3. **\$ 500**
4. **\$ 500**





February 3rd

Winter Mingle Networking Event

Headshots

Free to Members
\$35 non-members



Beyond the Positive Test: Building a Resilient Water Management Program After Legionella

Educational Presentation

Dr. Kai Bryant, DSc, MPH, CPHQ, CLS, CIC, CHSP

1.0 BRN CE

in person
recommended

& Microlessons and Brand Bar



**Dr. Kai Bryant DSc,
MPH, CPHQ, CLS,
CIC, CHSP**

Director,
System Infection
Prevention and
Control

Exclusive water
management insights
you won't want to
miss.

**Moving Projects
Forward with
AI-Powered Tools**

with

**Sawsan Mubarak,
RN, HCIP, HCRM,
M.Sc.**



**Go Viral for the
Right Reasons:
Standing Out on
Social Media**

with

**Jill Holdsworth,
CIC, AL-CIP,
FAPIC, NREMT,
CRCST, CHL**





Chapter Legislative Report

Lessons learned over the years:

- Representatives and senators may not be present on Fridays, which is why we propose visits on a Wednesday for high engagement
- Start booking your appointment between 9-1130am and call your representatives in advance for an in-person discussion so we are not randomly cold calling
- Find your local representative in California: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
- Guidance: A file is being developed with tools and videos for new participants
 - <https://apic.org/advocacy-toolkit/>
- The VIP toolkit includes:
 - Tips for planning a legislative visit
 - Tips for deciding which legislators to meet with
 - Tips for preparing materials
 - Sample planning timeline
 - Sample meeting request letters
 - Sample talking points
 - Sample follow-up letters



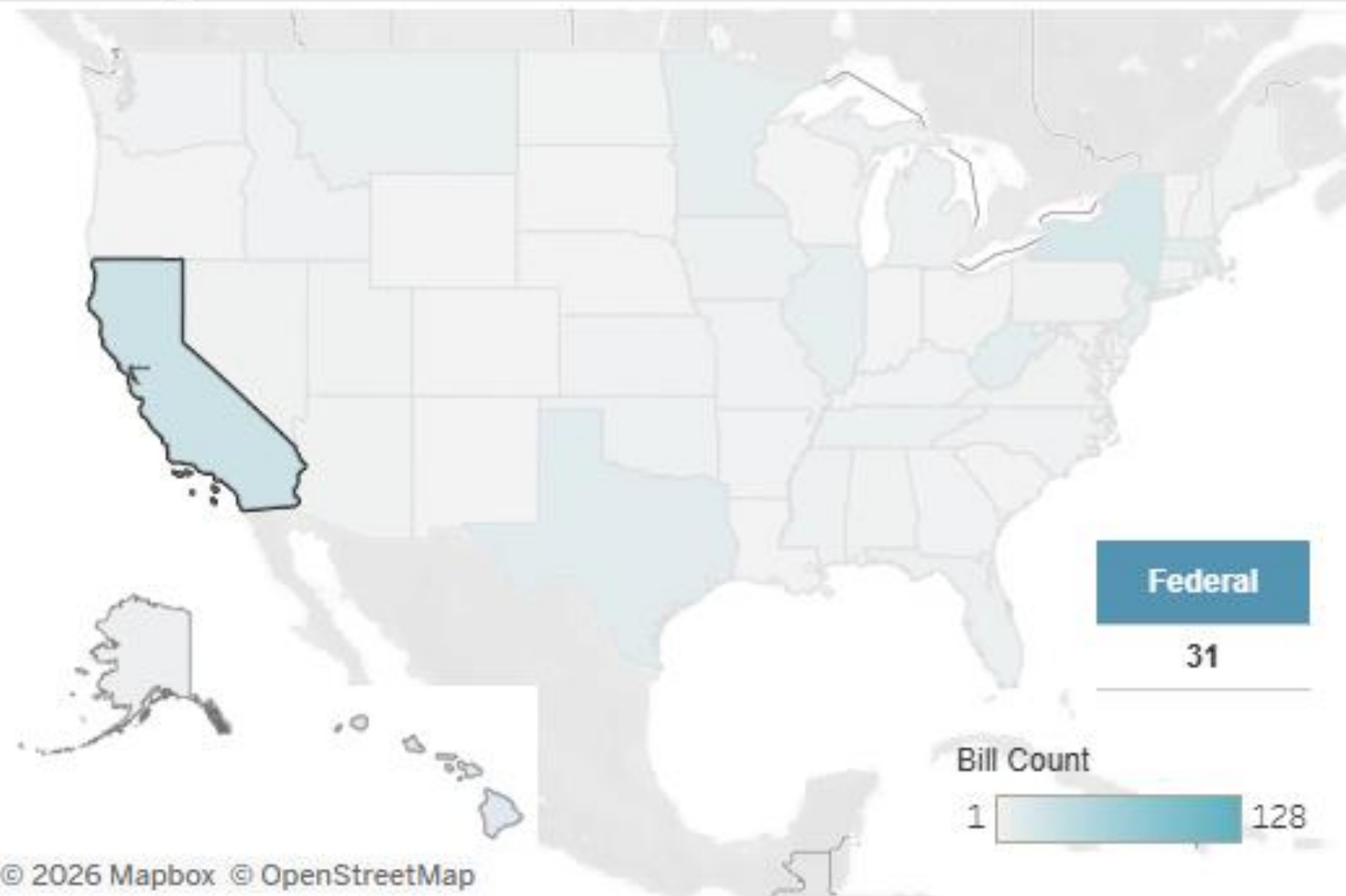
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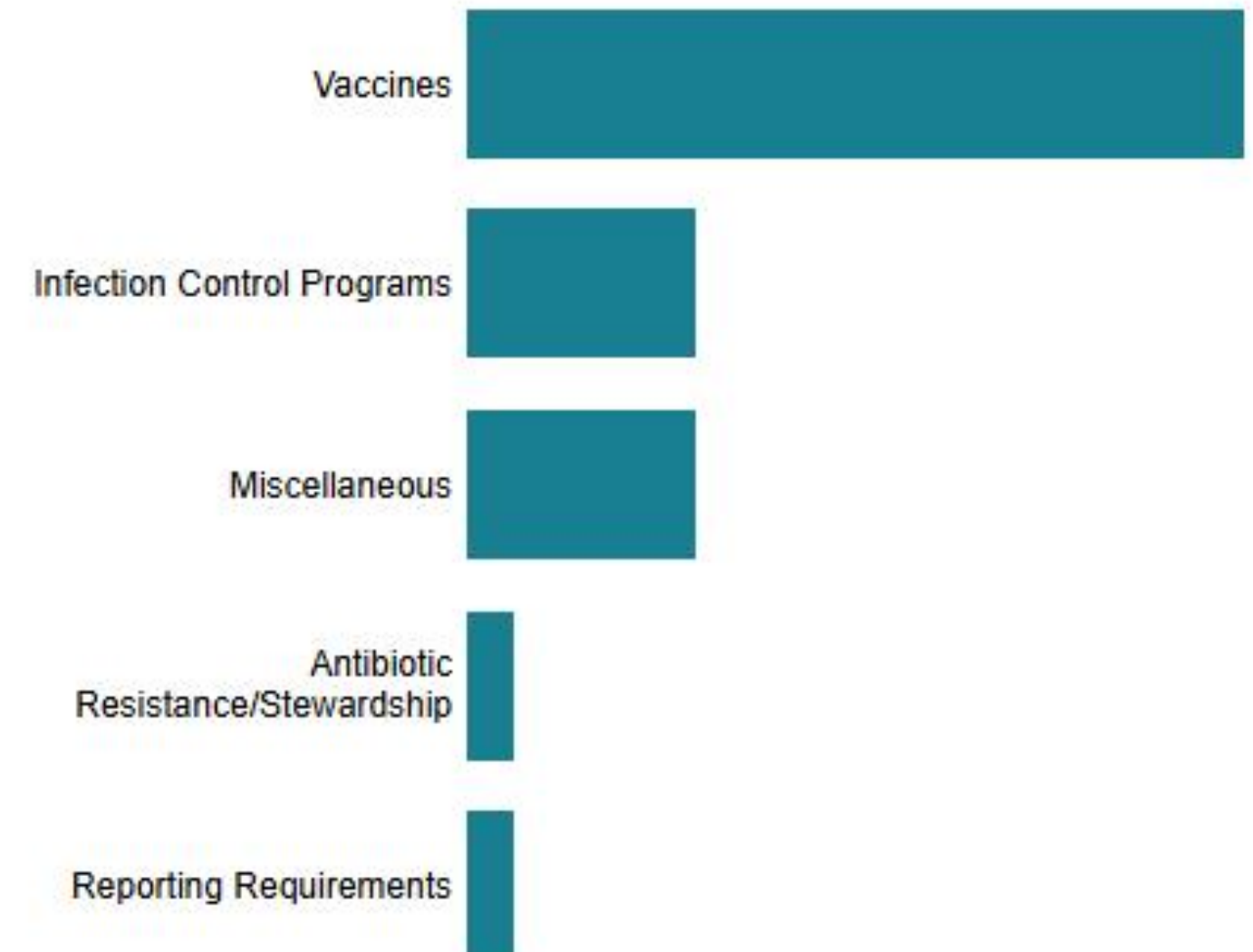
Chapter Legislative Report

APIC Legislative Tracker

Track by state



Track by issue





Bills

Issue Names	State	Bill Number	Title	Last Action Date
Antibiotic Resistance/Stewardship	CA	SB 317	Wastewater surveillance.	10/6/2025
Infection Control Programs	CA	AB 92	Patient visitation.	4/9/2025
		AB 260	Sexual and reproductive health care.	9/26/2025
		AB 873	Dentistry: dental assistants.	7/14/2025
		AB 1307	Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program.	7/14/2025
		SB 412	Home care aides.	10/6/2025
Miscellaneous	CA	AB 309	Hypodermic needles and syringes.	10/13/2025
		AB 596	Elections: ballot disclosures.	9/13/2025
		AB 1326	Health masks: right to wear.	10/11/2025
		AB 1352	Community air protection programs: financial support.	3/25/2025
		SB 862	Health.	10/1/2025
Reporting Requirements	CA	SB 504	Communicable diseases: HIV reporting.	10/13/2025
Vaccines	CA	AB 101	Budget Act of 2025.	6/17/2025



Conference Planning Updates

23rd Annual OC APIC Conference 2026

- Friday, October 9th, 2026
- California State University Fullerton Titan Student Union
- Planning Committee sign up – 3 IPU's offered for committee members!



Conference Planning Committee
2026 Sign Up





Treasurer Report

	Annual	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	Variance From
	Budget	1/1-3/31	4/1-6/30	7/1-9/30	10/1-12/31	Totals	Budget
INCOME							
Membership dues	3750	565.00	920.00	750.00	825.00	3,060.00	690.00
Conference revenue/registration fees - OC APIC, PWSPA	30000	-	693.89	18,125.72	5,423.42	24,243.03	5,756.97
CACC meeting	93.75	-	-	93.75	-	93.75	-
Other revenue	7000	-	-	-	-	-	7,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	40,843.75	565.00	1,613.89	18,969.47	6,248.42	27,396.78	13,446.97
	Annual	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	Variance From
	Budget	1/1-3/31	4/1-6/30	7/1-9/30	10/1-12/31	Totals	Budget
EXPENSES							
Fees for service - Microsoft	750	54.00	54.00	67.00	72.00	247.00	503.00
Office expenses - Mail Merger, stamps		79.75	138.00	65.25	65.25	348.25	151.75
Technology (AV Equipment)	500	-	-	183.16	-	183.16	(183.16)
Chapter conferences & events = national, OC, PWSPA	28300	-	2,864.83	1,604.39	7,202.51	11,671.73	16,628.27
CACC meeting luncheon (quarterly)	1500	-	-	-	231.20	231.20	1,268.80
Education reimbursement (scholarship)	3000	-	750.00	-	660.00	1,410.00	1,590.00
Insurance/Bonding & Renewal Fees	650	-	596.80	-	-	596.80	53.20
Dues/Renewal fees	1000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00
CACC Foundations Seed Money	100	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Sunshine	200	-	-	66.73	-	66.73	133.27
LTC Donation	260	-	-	-	-	-	260.00
Board Gifts		-	-	-	484.88	484.88	(484.88)
BRN Number	750	\$750.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	750.00	-
Other		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	40,510.00	883.75	4,403.63	1,986.53	8,715.84	15,989.75	24,520.25
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	333.75	(318.75)	(2,789.74)	16,982.94	(2,467.42)	11,407.03	

Membership Meeting Adjourned





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**Healthcare Planning, Design,
Construction & Occupancy:
An IP Focus**



To get your CEU/IPU,

- Please scan QR code to complete evaluation
- CEUs will be issued within 1-2 weeks after deadline
- Speaker evaluation form will be open for two (2) weeks

**DON'T
FORGET!**



Vendor Sponsored Presentation



Break for Lunch

And

Construction Questions must be in person to play

