



APIC ORANGE COUNTY Newsletter

February 2026



March Chapter Meeting


St. Jude Urgent Care, Fullerton Conference Room C

Address: 2251 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton,
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026
12 pm - 3:15 pm

Join us in person.


See you there to connect, network, learn, and engage with professionals in infection prevention and adjacent fields.

Agenda As Follows:

 **FREE Professional Headshots**
12:00–2:00 PM

Refresh your professional profile with 2 complimentary headshots. Stop by anytime during the session no cost to attend.

- **OCHCA Public Health Updates:**
1:30–1:45 PM
- **Strategic Partner Presentation:**
1:45–2:00 PM

 **Educational Series: APIC Insights**
2:00–3:00 PM

Stay informed with a focused educational session featuring insights from APIC.

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Innovation in Infection Prevention:

How research by IPs for IPs can advance the field

Event Details:

- March 3rd, 2026 • 12:00-3:00 PM
- Urgent Care, 2251 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92835
- Attend In-Person or Virtually

Virtual Option Available!

Objectives:

- ✓ Explain how the Center for Research, Practice and Innovation within APIC can help you as a frontline IP.
- ✓ Describe the benefits associated with joining the APIC Research Network and becoming a "researching IP."
- ✓ Evaluate APIC's 2024 Research Agenda to determine where you can contribute to the field of infection prevention.
- ✓ Evaluate studies performed by frontline IPs for IPs that advanced the field of infection prevention prevention

Speaker:
Sara Reese,
PhD, MPH, CIC, AL-CIP,
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APIC 26

Early Bird Registration
1/28 - 4/3/25

JUNE 15 - 17  NASHVILLE

See you there!

Stay connected with OC APIC!

Join us at the National APIC!

Scan the QR code to **secure your chapter pride shirt**, and stay engaged: members and vendors welcome.

We look forward to connecting and building our IP community together.



Scan me

Location: Music City Center, Nashville, TN



FILM FESTIVAL

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026.



Create your videos and enhance them with music, drama, dance, humor, and even animation to showcase how you and your team are celebrating the fundamentals of infection prevention. The grand-prize winner receives complimentary full conference registration to APIC27 in Los Angeles, CA, and has their video shown during the opening plenary to thousands of attendees!





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OC Job Listings:



Infection Preventionist

Rady Children's Health of Orange, Orange



Infection Preventionist

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Newport Beach

23rd Annual Conference

Save the Date

Date: October 9, 2026

Location:

**Cal State Fullerton
Titan Student Union**



Vendor Engagement Program

Vendor registration is now open for our Vendor Engagement Program. Through strong partnerships, we can collaborate, share innovation, and support initiatives that advance patient safety and healthcare quality.

We welcome vendors committed to supporting our healthcare community. Register today and join us in making a difference.



Benefits:

- Brand Visibility
- Board Strategic Investment
- Present during Chapter Events



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Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) – Active Outbreak!

⚠️ 150+ Cases Reported – Riverside & San Bernardino Counties (Oct-Dec 2025)

WHO is Affected?

- Children <5 years (Most Common)
- Infants & Toddlers
- School-age kids
- Adults (rare)

WHAT is HFMD?

- Viral Illness
- Causes: Coxsackievirus
- Highly Contagious!

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Loss of Appetite
- Irritability or Fatigue

WHERE?

- Riverside County
- San Bernardino County

WHEN?

October - December 2025

Peak: Nov-Dec

HOW is it Spread?

- Contact with: Saliva, Snot, Coughs
- Blister Fluid
- Feces (poop)
- Contaminated Surfaces
- Close Contact (Daycare, Schools)

Nervous System (Rare but Serious)

- Seizures
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Neck Stiffness

Prevention Tips

- Wash Hands Often
- Avoid Close Contact if Sick
- Disinfect Surfaces
- Stay Home if Symptomatic

Hand, Foot, & Mouth Cases on the rise locally & nationally



Southern California Measles Cases & Exposures



Orange County Cases	San Bernardino County Case	Los Angeles County Cases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Confirmed Cases Jan, 22, 23 & 26, 2026 Ladera Ranch Locations Disneyland Locations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Case Reported Feb 3rd Ontario Walmart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Confirmed Cases As of Feb 19, 2026 Linked to International Travel



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Apply Today!

Applications Open through March 16th.



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 Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.



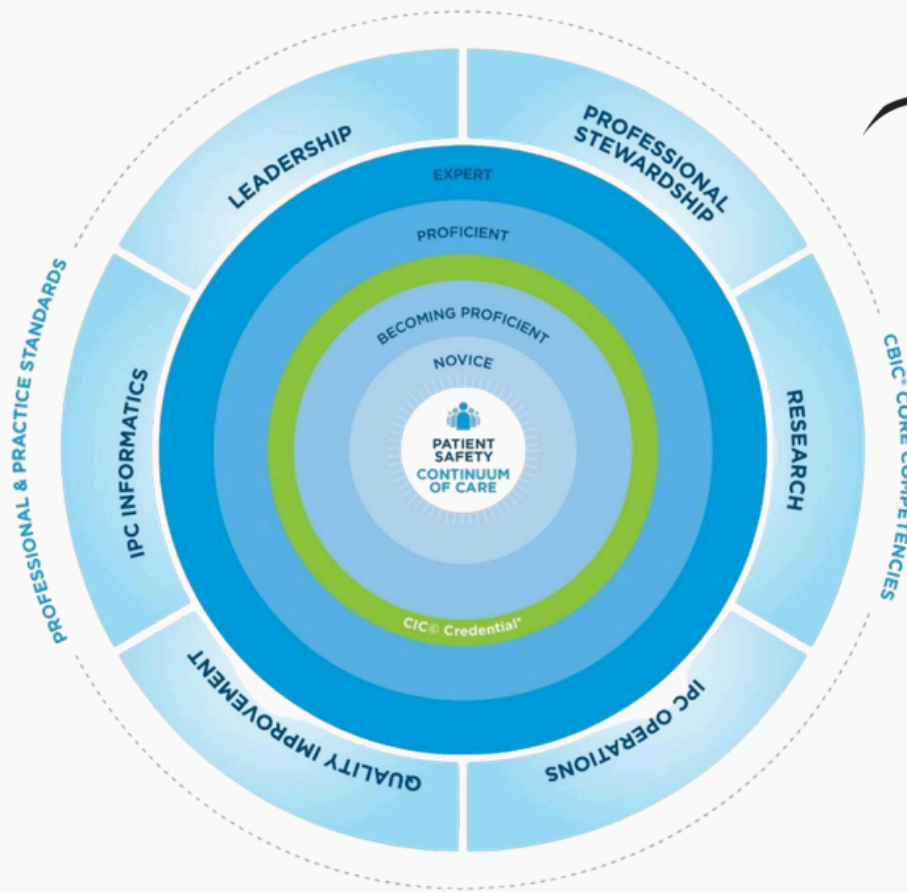
Apply Today!

**Closes March 2:
Portfolio-based a certification**



Advance Your Career in Infection Prevention

Certification is more than a competency roadmap, it's a leadership pathway. Strengthen your expertise, earn your certification, and elevate your impact in the field. Chapter resources available.



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