OVERVIEW:
Microbial water quality is important for public health safety. Common microbes in drinking water contribute to morbidity and mortality patients and immune-compromised individuals. Legionellosis is a primary concern; however, the heterotrophic plate count may indicate high levels of water bacteria exposure that may compromise patient safety. This educational series will help identify sources and management planning to minimize exposure to opportunistic water bacteria. Environmental monitoring and data interpretation, along with emergency response to water outages, will be emphasized.

OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:
• Explain the reasons water bacteria can exist in healthcare settings;
• Examine the prudent practice that will minimize the presence of bacteria in healthcare drinking and process water;
• Discuss the fundamentals needed to respond to water emergencies; and
• Explain the significance of water testing for bacteria and chemicals for maintaining good water quality in our drinking water.

Part 1: Sept. 10 will cover:
• An overview of water and drinking water sources;
• Opportunistic bacteria, like Legionella and other gram-negative bacteria reservoirs; and
• Normal bacterial, along with water treatment common to safe drinking water standards.

Part 2: Sept. 17 will cover:
• Water emergency planning and response, along with disinfection methods; and
• Outage planning for preventative maintenance and emergencies.

Part 3: Sept. 24 will cover:
• Monitoring methods and water management planning will be reviewed for each situation presented in the previous sessions of series.

MEET YOUR FACULTY:
Andrew Streifel assists with environmental hazards exposure in healthcare facilities. He has more than 38 years of experience problem solving environmental infection-related issues in healthcare facilities. This experience has provided evidence-based information to help facilitate design and construction practice for healthcare facilities. He serves on several standards and maintenance committees, including the American Society for Healthcare Engineering Standard 170 for healthcare facilities, the National Accrediting Association Standard for Duct Cleaning and the Facility Guidelines Institute Guidelines Revision Committee. His recent publications pertain to fungal air quality in hospitals, isolation patient room ventilation performance and water quality issues.
DATE & TIME
All Sessions: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. CT

REGISTER ONLINE:  https://www.lhaonline.org/event/Legionellosis2020

SERIES PRICE:
☐ Member Hospital Member: $200 (Per Person) $0.00 (Per Person)
  100% of the LHA Member Hospital registration fee is being waived because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

☐ Associate or Corporate Member: $250 (Per Facility) $200.00 (Per Facility)
  20% of the registration fee is being discounted for Associate or Corporate Member because of the pandemic.

☐ Non-Member Hospital: $400 (Per Facility) $360.00 (Per Facility)
  10% of the registration fee is being discounted for Non-Member Hospital because of the pandemic.

NOTE: THIS SERIES REQUIRES THE PARTICIPANT TO USE A VIDEO AND AUDIO CONNECTION DUE TO THE INTERACTIVE CONTENT PROVIDED. Just as our knowledge and wisdom builds with each experience, this course is designed with sessions that “build” on each other, reinforcing previously-introduced material while introducing new content. Therefore, the need to commit and obligate yourself to participate in all learning sessions will provide the best educational experience, and the LHA will give priority to those willing to make that commitment.

COMMITMENT: Since the LHA is subsidizing the full cost of this valuable education for our hospital members, please complete the registration only if you can meet the full commitment requirements that follow. By completing this registration, you are attesting to your full commitment to attend and actively participate in all training sessions and to complete all assignments or projects by the assigned due date.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: To meet our obligations and requirements for issuing continuing education, the LHA requires each participant to complete all sessions to be awarded continuing education. Partial (per session) continuing education credit will not be awarded. In order to accurately capture your attendance of all sessions, you will be required to register through a provided WebEx link for each session individually using a computer. This enables the LHA to identify you by your email address and to document your participation. Due to technical limitations, cell phone registration cannot be used.

CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH A PROCTOR: If you and several of your co-workers would like to gather together to be educated, there are special steps that must be taken. Please review the “Proctoring a Course for Continuing Education Credits” instructions outlined in the education section on the LHA website at https://www.lhaonline.org/page/576 to ensure you receive your continuing education credits.

REGISTRATION: Registrations are accepted online only. VISA, Master Card, Discover or American Express are accepted. Email confirmations will be sent to all registrants who list an accurate email address.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received in writing up to one week prior to a scheduled event will be charged a cancellation fee of $40 (per person, per event), if a payment was required. Cancellations received less than one week prior to the scheduled event, or individuals who fail to attend, are non refundable. Registrants who are unable to participate in an LHA educational event are permitted, and encouraged, to have a substitute without incurring a cancellation fee. Please send written notice of any substitutions prior to the scheduled event.

TRANSFER POLICY: If you are unable to attend the program for which you have registered and choose not to have a substitute, you may transfer your registration to another program. The LHA will hold your credit for a period of one year following the start date of the program for which you were originally registered. Transfers must be made in writing prior to the scheduled event, and a $40 transfer fee will be charged, if a payment was required.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: The LHA will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for physically-challenged attendees who require special services. When registering, please attach a written description of needs to the application.

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