2026 APIC MINNESOTA FALL CONFERENCE

Come On Down: Preventing Infections Is the Right Price

DAY 1 | Wednesday, September 23, 2026

8:30–9:00 AM	**Registration, Coffee & Social Time**
9:00–9:15 AM	**Welcome** Eric Hilsgen
9:15–10:15 AM	**Special Pathogens Unit** Dr. Susan Kline
10:15–10:30 AM	**Break**
10:30–11:30 AM	**Minnesota Wastewater Pathogen Surveillance** Mark J Osborn
11:30 AM–12:30 PM	**Building a Collaborative ICRA 2.0 Program Through Education, Engagement, and Standardization** Chelsea Anderson & Josh Zacharias
12:30–2:00 PM	**Lunch & Vendor Connection Time** Poster Fair & Connection Time: 1:30–2:00 PM
2:00–3:00 PM	**Can you help protect this long-term care facility (LTCF) IP's program files from a viral infection?** Linn Warnke & Jen Malewicki
3:00–3:30 PM	**Break, Vendors, Snacks & Posters**
3:30–4:30 PM	**Environmental Hygiene MythBusters! An Interactive Session to Distinguish Fact from Fiction** Rebecca Battjes
4:30–4:40 PM	**Prizes & Closing** Eric Hilsgen
5:00 PM	**Evening Reception**

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DAY 2 | Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:00–8:30 AM	**Breakfast**	
8:30–8:45 AM	**Welcome** Eric Hilsgen	
8:45–9:45 AM	**Protection Through Purpose: Maintaining Wellbeing While Saving the World** Stephanie (Stevi) Shively	
9:45–9:50 AM	**Transition Time**	
9:50–10:50 AM	BREAKOUT 1 **Small Jobs Big Risks: Infection Prevention Leading ICRA Oversight** Amanda Brown & Christa Mardaus	BREAKOUT 2 **The Hidden Reservoir: Sink Biofilms and the Spread of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms** Kari Bergman + MDH ICAR/EPI
10:50–11:00 AM	**Break, Snack & Transition Time**	
11:00 AM–12:00 PM	BREAKOUT 1 **AI in Infection Prevention: What It Can Do Now, and What's Coming Next** Brandon Staunton	BREAKOUT 2 **CJD/Prion Diseases: Introduction, Epidemiology, and Infection Control** Leah Bauck & Michelle Meyer
12:00–1:00 PM	**Lunch**	
1:00–1:25 PM	**APIC Minnesota Business Meeting**	
1:25–1:30 PM	**Transition Time**	
1:30–2:30 PM	BREAKOUT 1 **The Price is Right: Making Infection Prevention The Easy Choice.** Jennifer Gieser	BREAKOUT 2 **Playing Measles Plinko: Lessons Learned from a Measles Response** Jean Barth, Alyssa Olson, & Leah Siple
2:30–2:35 PM	**Transition Time**	
2:35–3:35 PM	**Hot Topics in Infectious Diseases** Nicholas Lehnertz	
3:35–3:45 PM	**Closing** Eric Hilsgen	

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