

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 Hilsген	
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
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 Hilsген	

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