DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by audio phone lines available. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by dialing 1-877-924-1748, passcode: 3380216. A total of 200 lines will be available. Registration is required. To register for this call, please go to www.cdc.gov/hicpac.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 4, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES: The teleconference access is 1-877-924-1748, and the passcode is 3380216.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
PURPOSE: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), the Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), the Director, CDC, the Secretary, Health and Human Services regarding 1) the practice of healthcare infection prevention and control; 2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections, antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and 3) periodic updating of CDC guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda will include the following updates: The Healthcare Personnel Guideline Workgroup; the Long-term Care/Post-acute Care Workgroup; the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Workgroup; and updates from DHQP including DHQP’s engagement on Coronavirus disease response. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Procedures for Public Comment: Time will be available for public comment. Members of the public who wish to provide public comments should plan to attend the public comment session at the start time listed. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

Procedures for Written Comment: The public may submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should be
submitted in writing by e-mail to the contact person listed above. The deadline for receipt of written public comment is February 25, 2021. All requests must contain the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the speaker, as well as the topic being addressed. Written comments should not exceed one single-spaced typed page in length. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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