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Nursing Home Prevalence Project

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is conducting a project to gain a better understanding of how infections affect residents and drive the use of antibiotics in nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The project, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will collect clinical information from up to 200 nursing homes and SNFs in Minnesota and nine other states.

CDC will use the collected information to identify how to best support infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship programs. For more information, visit CDC's [Healthcare-Associated Infections – Community Interface \(https://www.cdc.gov/hai/eip/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/hai/eip/index.html) and select HAI and Antibiotic Use Prevalence Survey.

MDH is selecting facilities to participate within a five county area. Facilities are invited at random. Randomization is being done to collect data that tries to accurately reflect the true prevalence of infection and antibiotic use among nursing home residents in Minnesota.

Data collected from facilities that participate will remain confidential and will not be shared.

Data collection for this project will occur between April and September 2017. We anticipate participation in the project will take about eight hours over the course of two months. By participating, facilities will:

- Receive facility data to improve awareness of how your facility identifies infections and uses antibiotics.
- Receive tools to support infection and antibiotic use monitoring efforts.
- Be recognized as a partner in a MDH- and CDC-supported project.

Facility participation is a critical component of this project. What MDH and CDC learn from participating facilities will be used to help protect nursing home residents throughout the country.

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