

HAI/AR Program Update

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HAI/AR Update Agenda:

- ▶ **Administrative updates**
 - ▶ **Staffing**
- ▶ **HAI/AR Activities**
 - ▶ **Investigations**
 - ▶ **Grant Resources**
 - ▶ **Upcoming Opportunities**
- ▶ **State of NH MDRO Prevention Plan**

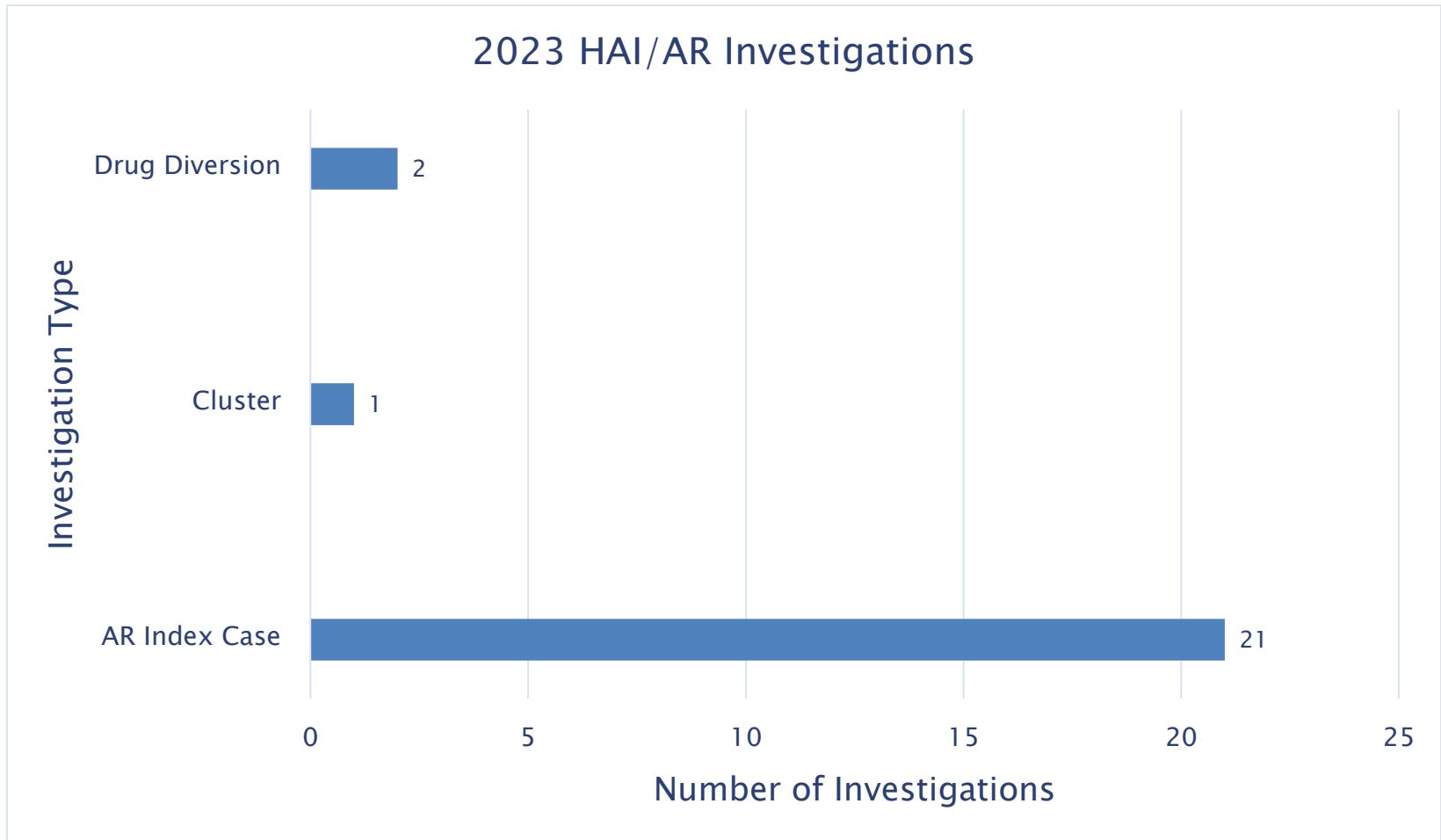
Administrative - Staffing

- ▶ **HAI Program Manager Position**
 - Darlene Cray ★
- ▶ **HAI Epidemiologist**
 - *Madyn Kenney* ★
- ▶ ***HAI Infection Prevention Liaison***
 - *Abigail Dulin*
- ▶ **HAI Infection Prevention Specialist**
 - *Rachael Vigeant*
- ▶ **AR Specialist**
 - *Vacant* ★
- ▶ **HAI Health Educator**
 - *Vacant* ★
- ▶ **CDC Public Health Associate**
 - Annika Williams
- ▶ **Grant Manager – Strike Grant**
 - Brian Ruede
- ▶ **HAI Infection Prevention Nurse Specialist – Disparity Grant**
 - Darlene Morse ★



HAI Investigations

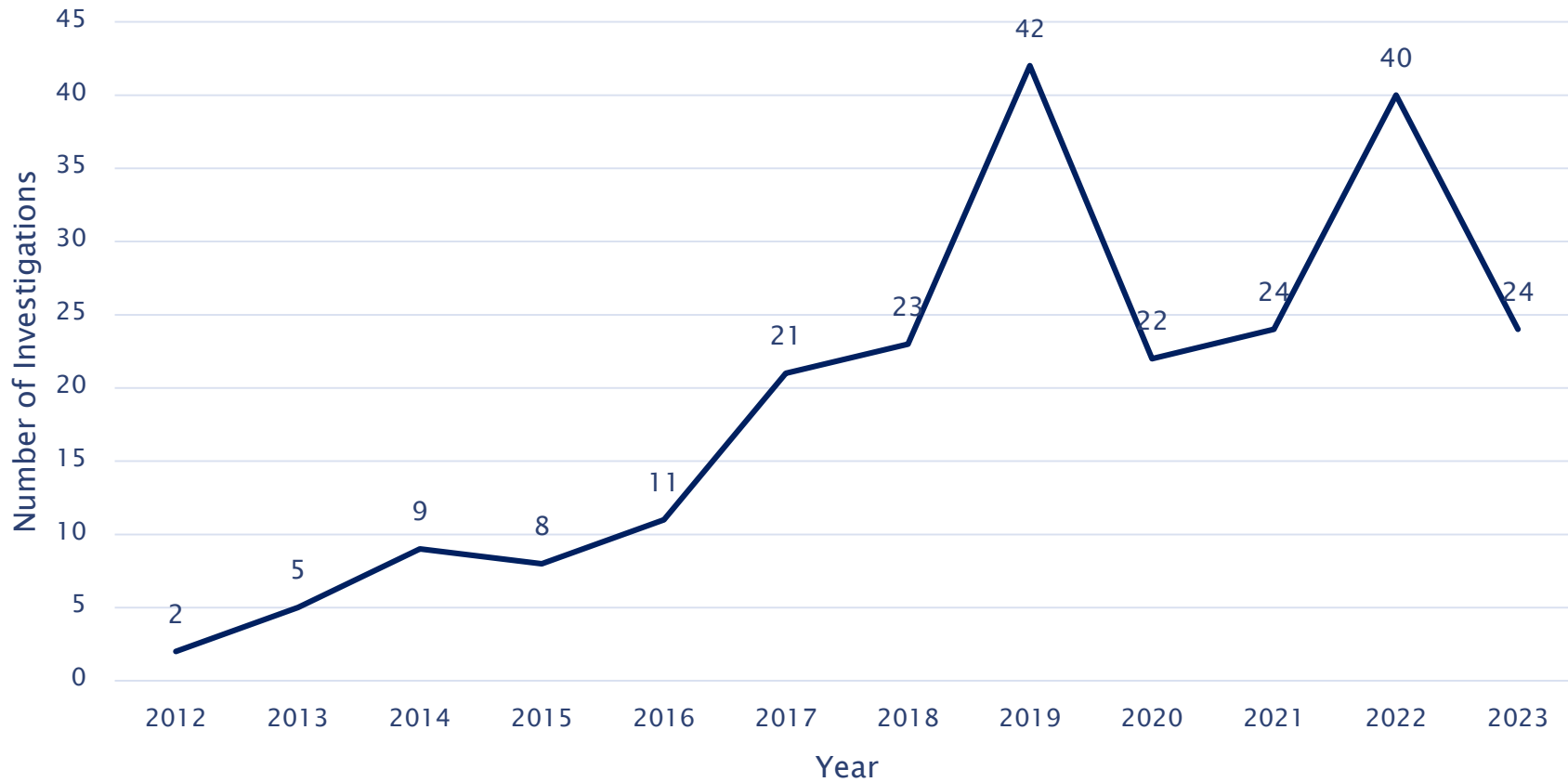
Year to date 2023 HAI/AR Investigations: **24 Total***



*Does not include COVID-19 investigations

HAI Investigations

Number of HAI Investigations by Year*



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HAI Project Updates

▶ Skilled Nursing and Long Term Care Strike Grant

- Programs that are up and running
 - Staffing support during COVID-19 outbreak
 - Engage and Expand Workforce – training programs LNA licensure, collaboration with vocational high schools and tech colleges
 - Provide resources to facilities for infection prevention and auditing – fit testing, fit testing kits, fluorescent marker kits
 - Training of staff for Infection Prevention, Certification, and ICAN
 - Technology assessment and equipment for use to train and communicate
 - Training program for Personal Care Attendants

HAI Grant Resources....

Glow Germ



Fit Testing Kits



Staff Certifications



Mentoring, Consultation, and Community of Practice



Recruitment and Staffing to support LTC/SNF infrastructure



Train the Trainer and Facilitated Sessions Coming Soon!



THE PROJECT FIRSTLINE ESCAPE ROOM

WHAT IS THE ESCAPE ROOM?

The escape room is a live interactive training where teams of 5-6 people will work together over 30 minutes to navigate Clutterbug's clever traps and help unite with Captain Germ-B-Gone to proclaim victory.

There are four stations which cover hand hygiene, source control, personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning and disinfecting that reinforces specific standard infection and control objectives throughout.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING INCLUDE:

1. Defining hand hygiene and properly demonstrating the correct steps of hand hygiene
2. Defining source control and learning how respiratory droplets spread
3. Articulating and demonstrating how to correctly don and doff PPE
4. Recognizing how to identify contact time on a disinfectant label as well as identify high touch areas in healthcare facilities

MDRO Prevention Plan

- ▶ 2022 HAI was required by CDC to complete a MDRO needs assessment to identify focus areas for prevention
- ▶ In 2023 HAI is required to solicit information as well as use the MDRO Needs Assessment to complete a MDRO Prevention work plan that will be implemented in FY 2024

MDRO Prevention Plan

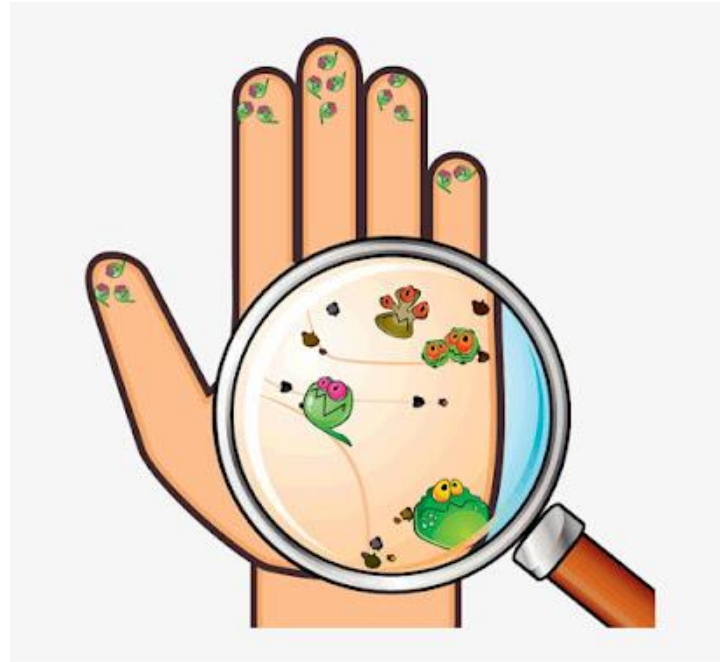
- ▶ Plan focuses on:
 - MDRO activities with specific focus on particular organisms
 - Prevention Driven Colonization Screening
 - Surveillance Activities
 - MDRO Education and Training
 - Infection Control Assessments and Response
 - Point Prevalence Surveys
 - Enhancing Communication Practices

MDRO Prevention Plan Survey



Average time to complete 3 minutes. Survey ends 04/30/2023. Each submission will be entered into a raffle for an IPC related gift basket

Q & A



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