

# LHD STRATEGY FOR RESPONSE, CONTROL, AND PREVENTION OF HAI/AR

## Facilitating Conversations with State HAI/AR Programs

### Understanding state and local HAI/AR prevention priorities

Consider the following to understand the state and local HAI/AR landscape and priorities:

#### What are the state-level HAI/AR priorities?

- How often does the state update their priorities?
- What is the process for determining state-level HAI/AR priorities?

#### How has the state HAI/AR program historically engaged with your LHD?

- What have been successes and challenges with historical engagement?

#### What data does the state use to determine HAI/AR priorities?

- Who has access to the data? How is data shared among public health and other key partners?
- Are there any relevant data use agreements that the state has?

## HELPFUL TIPS

### Resources to Leverage

It may be helpful to ask the state what activities were described in the state's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infection Diseases (ELC) Cooperative Agreement workplan or the State HAI/AR plan. Ask how the state's priorities changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also ask to review or be connected to the state HAI/AR Advisory Committee and their materials.

### Additional State Contacts

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) project, Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity (SHARP), requires recipients to identify an HAI Outbreak Lead, an Antibiotic Stewardship Lead, an NHSN Coordination Lead, an Antibiotic Resistance Coordinator, and a Project Firstline Lead. Depending on your state's governance, identifying and engaging with these leads will be crucial for maintaining content-specific relationships. Discuss with the state how they prefer to collaborate with leads.

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### Understanding Roles and Responsibilities

To clarify state and local roles and responsibilities for HAI/AR activities, consider these questions:

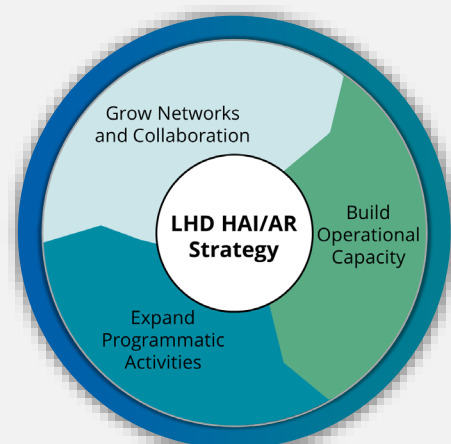
#### Is the LHD or the state HAI/AR program responsible for:

- Reaching out to facilities or partners when responding to outbreaks involving healthcare facilities? Does this vary by pathogen or healthcare setting?
- Conducting surveillance for outbreak detection and maintaining situational awareness of HAI/AR events and priorities in the jurisdiction? Does this vary by pathogen/setting and surveillance system (e.g., NHSN vs. communicable disease reporting, acute care hospitals vs. long term care or output facilities)?
- Analyzing data to determine priority prevention activities at the local level?
- Providing education, training and outreach to the public, health care providers, and facilities related to infection prevention and control, stewardship, or HAI/AR in your jurisdiction?
- Implementing antibiotic stewardship practices and program activities in your jurisdiction?

#### How can LHDs and the state HAI/AR program work together to develop sustainable practices across programmatic implementation?

### Next Steps

Now that you have a better understanding of the state and local priorities, roles, and responsibilities, revisit the [Interim LHD HAI/AR Strategy](#). Use these discussions with your state to inform which activities to embark upon first. As you follow the strategy guidance in determining which activities are appropriate for your LHD, communicate with your colleagues at the state HAI/AR program and share your strategic plan with them.



For guidance on local level HAI/AR goals, objectives, and activities refer to the [Interim LHD HAI/AR strategy](#)