



# El Paso County Ethics Meeting

Please bring us a case or two every year. The purpose of the committee is to provide LTC facilities with an avenue for peer review and education regarding ethical dilemmas in LTC. We have several individuals who attend to provide insight from multiple perspectives.

The next El Paso County LTC Ethics Committee meeting will be:

**Friday 12/1/2023 at noon.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93138547873?pwd=QUFDZnJlN3R1OGlkcXlucjUUNXFaUT09>

Meeting ID: 931 3854 7873

Passcode: 329292

# US Antibiotic Awareness Week and World Antibiotic Awareness Week November 18-24

[Antimicrobial Stewardship in Long-Term Care Facilities | Department of Public Health & Environment \(colorado.gov\)](#)

- [Nursing Home Antibiotics Guidelines Summary Resource CDPHE](#)
- [LTC Respiratory Infections digital flyer.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Abx tracker with graphs - Google Sheets](#)
- [Antibiotic time-out checklist FINAL 20190227.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Suspected UTI Action Tool v.4 11-18.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- [Talking With Residents and Family Members About Urinary Tract Infections \(UTIs\) \(ahrq.gov\)](#)

# 10 Absolutes in Dementia Care

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# 10 ABSOLUTES in Dementia Care

1. Never **ARGUE**, instead **AGREE**
2. Never **REASON**, instead **DIVERT**
3. Never **SHAME**, instead **DISTRACT**
4. Never **LECTURE**, instead **REASSURE**
5. Never say "**REMEMBER**",  
instead **REMINISCE**
6. Never say "**I TOLD YOU**",  
instead **REPEAT/REGROUP**
7. Never say "**YOU CAN'T**".  
instead **DO WHAT THEY CAN**
8. Never **COMMAND/DEMAND**,  
instead **ASK/MODEL**
9. Never **CONDESCEND**,  
instead **ENCOURAGE/PRAISE**
10. Never **FORCE**, instead **REINFORCE**

Jo Huey, Alzheimer's Disease Help and Hope

## Dementia Friendly Holiday Activities

[putting the positive in dementia holiday activitiesDownload](#)

## TB Cases Rising in Colorado

[El Paso County Health Action Network Broadcast Nov 2023](#)



### Key points

- The incidence of tuberculosis (TB) has been rising in Colorado in 2023 after a steady 10-year decline. Cases have increased 59% since this time in 2022.
- Individuals at high risk for exposure and individuals from TB endemic regions of the world should be screened for latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI), using either interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) blood test or tuberculin skin test (TST).
- TB symptom screening and testing procedures should be established for health care personnel, as well as employees and residents of congregate settings and long-term care facilities.
- Common symptoms of TB include a worsening or productive cough lasting longer than three weeks, hemoptysis, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, weight loss, anorexia, chest pain, fever, or night sweats. Chest radiographs typically show upper lobe infiltrates or cavitation.
- IGRA and TST should never be used exclusively to diagnose or exclude active TB disease. Definitive TB diagnosis requires Acid-fast bacilli (AFB) smears and cultures or nucleic-acid amplification tests coupled with radiology imaging.
- Patients with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis must be reported to the state or local public health agency (LPHA) within one business day.

## FDA Recall on Eye Drops

### Eye Drop Retailers and Product Information

[FDA warns consumers not to purchase or use certain eye drops from several major brands due to risk of eye infection | FDA](#)



Retailer/ Label	Product	Product Information	National Drug Code (NDC)*
<b>CVS Health</b>	Lubricant Eye Drops 15 ml (single pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	To be provided
	Lubricant Eye Drops 15 ml (twin pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	To be provided
	Lubricant Gel Drops 15 ml (single pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 1%	To be provided
	Lubricant Gel Drops 15 ml (twin pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 1%	To be provided
	Multi-Action Relief Drops 15 ml	Polyvinyl Alcohol 0.5%, Povidone 0.6%, and Tetrahydrozoline Hydrochloride 0.05%	To be provided
	Lubricating Gel drops 10 ml	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	To be provided
	Lubricant Eye Drops 10 ml (single pack)	Propylene Glycol 0.6%	To be provided
	Lubricant Eye Drops 10 ml (twin pack)	Propylene Glycol 0.6%	To be provided
	Mild Moderate Lubricating Eye Drops 15 ml (single pack)	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.25%	To be provided
<b>Leader (Cardinal Health)</b>	Eye Irritation Relief 0.5 FL OZ (15 ml)	Polyvinyl Alcohol 0.5%, Povidone 0.6% and Tetrahydrozoline Hydrochloride 0.05%	70000-0087-1
	Dry Eye Relief 0.5 FL OZ (15 ml)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 1%	70000-0089-1
	Lubricant Eye Drops 0.5 FL OZ (15 ml) (single)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	70000-0090-1
	Lubricant Eye Drops 0.5 FL OZ (15 ml) (twin pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	70000-0090-2 (carton)70000-0090-1 (bottle)
	Dry Eye Relief 0.33 FL OZ (10 ml)	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	70000-0088-1
	Lubricant Eye Drops 0.33 FL OZ (10 ml)	Polyethylene Glycol 0.6%	70000-0587-1



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<b>Rugby (Harvard Drug Group)</b>	Lubricating Eye Drops 0.5 oz (15 ml)	Polyvinyl Alcohol 1.4%	0536-1325-94
	Lubricating Tears Eye Drops 0.5 oz (15 ml)	Dextran/Hypromellose 0.1%/0.3%	0536-1282-94
<b>Rite Aid</b>	Lubricant Eye Drops 15 ml (twin pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	To be provided
	Lubricant Eye Drops 10 ml (twin pack)	Propylene Glycol 0.6%	To be provided
	Gentle Lubricant Gel Eye Drops 15 ml	Hypromellose 0.3%, Glycerin 0.2%, Dextran 70 0.1%	To be provided
	Lubricant Gel Drops 15 ml	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 1%	To be provided
	Lubricating Gel Drops 10 ml	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	To be provided
	Multi-Action Relief Drops 15 ml	Polyvinyl Alcohol 0.5%, Povidone 0.6% and Tetrahydrozoline Hydrochloride 0.05%	To be provided
<b>Target</b>	Up&Up Dry Eye Relief Lubricant Eye Drops 30 ml	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	To be provided
	Up&Up Extreme Relief Dry Eye 15 ml (single pack)	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	To be provided
	Up&Up Extreme Relief Dry Eye 30 ml (twin pack)	Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium 0.5%	To be provided
<b>Velocity Pharma LLC</b>	Lubricant Eye Drop 10 ml (triple pack)	Propylene Glycol 0.6%	To be provided
<b>Walmart</b>	Equate Hydration PF Lubricant Eye Drop 10 mL	Polyethylene Glycol 400 0.4% and Propylene Glycol 0.3%	To be provided

## Seasonal Virus Updates

Generally, influenza and COVID-19 are both increasing.



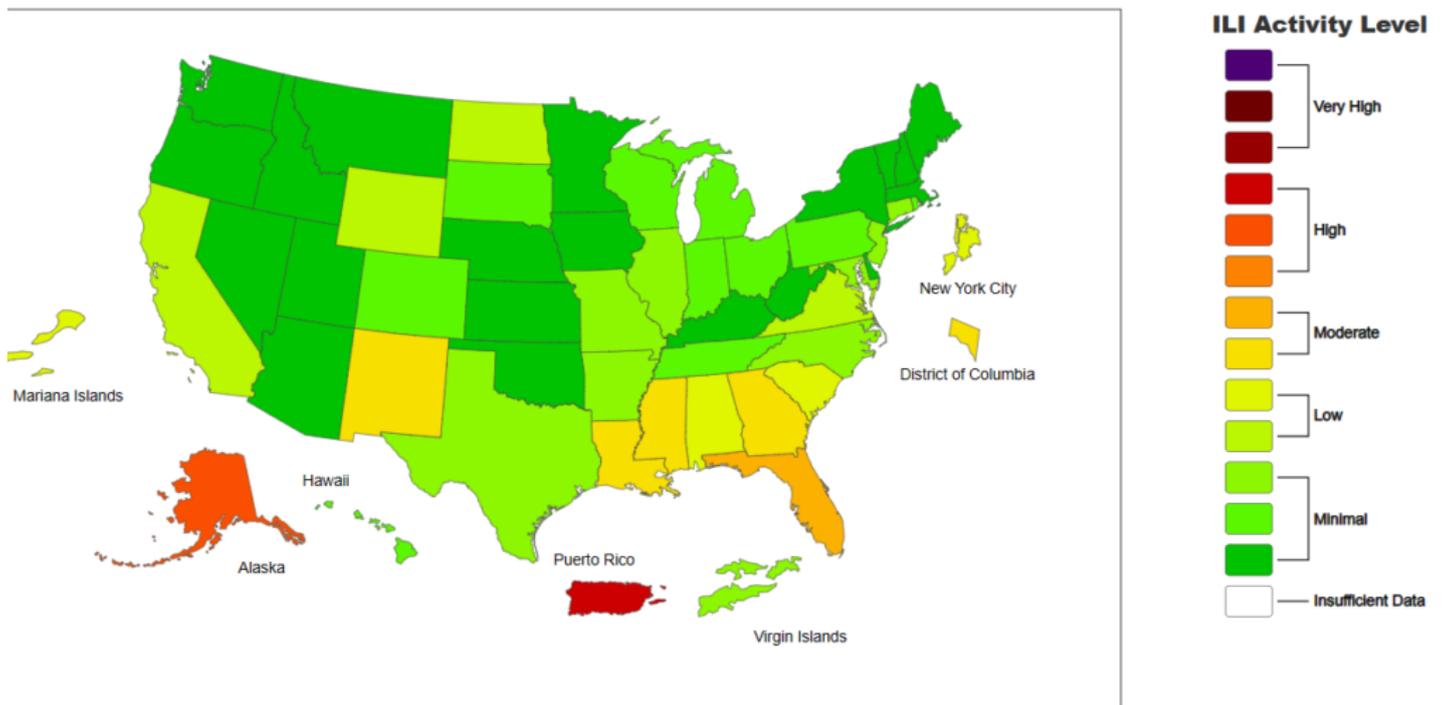
If you suspect either virus, test for both.

If a person tests negative on a POC test but has symptoms...please consider getting a PCR test for COVID-19. The COVID-19 POC tests do sometimes give false negative results. An alternative approach might be to perform COVID -19 POC tests on days 1, 3, and 5. Follow your corporate protocol, if you have one.

CDC Recommendations:

- all adults should receive updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine
- Up to date status is defined as having received the new vaccine.
  - OR having received the bivalent COVID vaccine within the last 2 months.
- Facilities should report 0 up to date until residents receive the 2023-24 COVID vaccine.

2023-24 Influenza Season Week 43 ending Oct 28, 2023



Resp-Net (CDC)

CDPHE Virus Monitoring