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Kimberley Buckner is a Clinical Research Coordinator and the Education and Training Lead for the Division of Infectious Diseases Center of Excellence for Research in Infectious Diseases (CERID) at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She is also a founding officer of the International Respiratory Infections Society. As the managing editor for the launch of both the Journal of Respiratory Infections (JRI) and the Journal of Refugee and Global Health (RGH), open access academic journals, she was integral in developing procedures for publication and indexing.

Kimberley is from Montreal, Canada where she completed her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Psychology from McGill University. Kim brings a perspective and methods of the disciplines of medical sociology and health psychology, both of which have a long history of research into public health issues. After joining the University of Louisville and the Division of Infectious Diseases, Kim helped bring technologies to the research infrastructure in database development and the corresponding clinical research practices. Her unique abilities to engage individuals and groups as part of research and education led her to explore use of web-based training technologies and strategies. The coronavirus pandemic demonstrated the value of her skill sets and through them she worked to bring a model of training and education built upon the approaches used by Project ECHO. She has successfully led the development and launching of the Project ECHO Infection Control series at a time when that subject matter is of critical importance in every area of patient care. This work has formed the basis for the Regional Training Center focused on infection control and operated in collaboration with the University of Louisville Division of Infectious Diseases, CERID, and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Kim is currently completing her Master of Professional Studies in Organizational Development and Change from Pennsylvania State University and is putting this knowledge and professional competence in action at the University of Louisville.