Welcome ICF/IID Providers!

COVID-19 Updates and Q&A with LTC Regulation and DSHS

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COVID-19 Updates

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• Introductions
• Updates
Reminder: PPE Infection Control Basics Webinar

The webinar emphasizes how to prevent or minimize the spread of infectious disease by using PPE. During this webinar you will:

• Review standard and transmission-based precautions
• Learn proper hand hygiene techniques
• Demonstrate how to utilize PPE
• Discuss the importance of social distancing in an outbreak situation

June 5: 8:30 a.m.
June 12: 8:30 a.m.
June 26: 8:30 a.m.
Register for the webinar here.
ICF/IID FAQs

In the works:

• Updated FAQs
• COVID-19 Response for ICFs version 2.1
• Upcoming training webinars on emergency planning with COVID-19 considerations
• CDC Update Released 5/26/20
• Additional CDC guidance documents
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• Weekly Questions
Isolation vs. Quarantine

Question:
When will we be able to have visitors?

Response:
We are currently working on plans for allowing visitors again.
Isolation vs. Quarantine

**Question:**
Are all HHSC surveyors required to participate in these webinars and review the FAQs?

**Response:**
These webinars are open to everyone, including surveyors, but it is not a requirement.

If you have concerns about survey inconsistencies, please fill out the [survey comment card](#). If you have questions about policy, rule or guidance, email [PolicyRulesTraining@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:PolicyRulesTraining@hhsc.state.tx.us).
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
If a 6 bed ICF group home has an appropriate placement and wants to do a new admission, will the new admission be required to be in a 14 day quarantine upon admission?

Response:
The new admission of a resident who came from another location and whose COVID-19 status is unknown must be monitored for 14 days and the ICF provider must have a plan to keep the newly admitted resident separate from the rest of the resident’s in the home.
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
If a 6 bed ICF group homes has an appropriate placement and wants to do a new admission, will the admission be required to have a documented, negative COVID-19 test prior to admission?

Response:
No. At this time, new admissions do not need to be tested for COVID-19. You should continue to monitor residents for signs and symptoms of respiratory illness and follow the guidance from the previous question.
Questions?

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