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

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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 26: 8:30 a.m.
Register for the webinar here.
Reminder: Helping ICF Residents with COVID -19 Precautions

Helping Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Related Conditions Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 is available on the HHSC LTCR ICF provider portal. It contains information for helping individuals with intellectual disabilities and related conditions understand and follow COVID guidance.
Emergency Preparedness for LTC Facilities – Webinar

The webinar will help providers prepare for hurricane season and other emergencies and includes COVID-19 considerations.

• Monday, June 22\textsuperscript{nd}: 1 - 4:30 p.m.  
  \url{Register here}

• Tuesday, June 23\textsuperscript{rd}: 1 - 4:30 p.m.  
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**Question:** Some CII intake specialists are wanting staff information, including names, when self-reporting. Can we just provide details and not names and then provide information to the surveyor when they are on campus to not violate their HIPAA rights?

**Response:** Yes – we will reach out to CII staff to ensure they understand what information is needed when you make a self-reported incident for a positive case of COVID-19. You are not required to provide the personal information of staff who test positive.
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
If a resident is newly admitted to an ICF, do they have to be quarantined for 14 days?

Response:
Yes, per CDC guidance a resident who is newly admitted should be separated from the other residents for 14 days and monitored for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
Does a resident who is being quarantined after returning from a home visit have to stay in their bedroom?

Response:
No, the CDC guidance only recommends that individuals be restricted to their bedroom if they are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19. Being in quarantine after returning from a home visit does not automatically mean they are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19; rather it means that they had the potential for being exposed to COVID-19 and should be kept away from others while they are under observation.

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Response continued:

The individual may visit common areas but the ICF will have to determine how to accomplish this safely. Some things to consider:

- Can the individual visit the common areas and still be separate from other individuals who are not under quarantine?
- Can at least 6 feet of distance be maintained between the individual under quarantine and the other individuals?
- Are all individuals wearing a cloth face covering when they are out of their bedrooms?
- Are all individuals practicing hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes and properly discarding used tissues?
- Is the facility frequently cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and equipment?
- Is the facility monitoring for signs and symptoms at least three times a day (each shift)?
- Does the facility have a plan for what to do if the individual starts having signs or symptoms of respiratory illness?
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
Does staff training in CPR have to be hands-on training, or can it be done online?

Response:
551.42(e)(2)(A) reads: At least one staff person per shift and on duty must be trained by a CPR instructor certified by an organization such as the American Heart Association or the Red Cross. Two points to note:

• It is not required to be hands on – it can be online
• It does not have to be AHA or Red Cross training, but should be similar to training provided by those entities
Questions?

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