Welcome Nursing Facility Providers!

COVID-19 Updates and Q&A with LTSCR and DSHS
April 21, 2021

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COVID-19 Q&A

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Future Webinar Changes

Starting May 1st, the Nursing Facility Provider Webinars will change to a bi-weekly schedule.

The schedule will be:

• April 28, 2021
• May 5, 2021
• May 19, 2021
• June 2, 2021
• June 16, 2021
• June 30, 2021
Future Webinar Changes

As always, we will send notifications for the webinars through GovDelivery alerts and post them on the Nursing Facility Provider Portal.
PL 2021-14

HHSC issued PL 2021-14, Status of an Active License During a Renewal Process.

This letter describes the circumstances in which the active license of provider undergoing a license renewal or enforcement action may extend beyond the expiration date printed on the license.
HHSC issued **PL 2021-15**, Fingerprint-based Criminal History Checks for Current and Prospective Medication Aides.

The purpose of this letter is to notify providers that beginning August 1, 2021, HHSC will require fingerprint-based criminal history checks on:

- medication aides who apply to renew their permits; and
- applicants for the medication aide examination.

The letter describes the protocols associated with the requirement.
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Visitation Overview

The following slides contain an overview of the current visitation rules.

See the handout “COVID Visitation Table 4-21-2021” for a summary of visitation requirements.

The handout is an update from the handout provided during the 3/31 webinar to include more information on visitation requirements.
Visitation Overview

Reminder - There are 4 types of visitation addressed under the updated visitation rule:

• Essential Caregiver Visits
• End-of-life visits
• Outdoor Visits
• Indoor Visits

References to ‘outdoor visits’ and ‘indoor visits’ refer to visitation with persons other than essential caregivers or those participating in end-of-life visitation. Essential caregiver and end-of-life visits can also occur outdoors and indoors.
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Visitation Overview

All NFs **must permit** the following visits:

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Indoor Visitation Criteria Summary

Facilities that meet the following criteria must allow indoor visitation:

• Separate cohorts for residents based on COVID-19 status
• Dedicated staff for each COVID-19 resident cohort
• Not had a facility-acquired outbreak in the COVID-19 negative cohort
  • However, indoor visitation can still occur if the outbreak is isolated to a single area

Unvaccinated residents cannot participate in indoor visitation if:

• The NF is located in a county with a more than 10% COVID-19 positivity rate AND
• Less than 70% of residents at the facility are fully-vaccinated
Visitation Screening Requirements

NFs must screen all visitors for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Visitors who meet any of the following screening criteria must leave and reschedule the visit:

• fever, defined as a temperature of 100.4
• Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by CDC
• Close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is confirmed COVID-19, or is ill with a respiratory illness, regardless of visitor’s vaccination status
• Tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days.
Visitation Screening Requirements

NFs are expressly prohibited from requiring a visitor provide a negative test result or proof of vaccination as a condition for participating in visitation.

A NF may not inquire a visitor’s COVID-19 vaccination status as part of screening. Asking a visitor’s vaccination status as a screening question could imply that vaccination is required for visitation or certain visitation provisions. A visitor’s vaccination status does not affect any visitation requirements.

A NF may offer COVID-19 testing to a visitor free of charge, but the visitor has a right to refuse testing.
Visitation Facemask / PPE Requirements

Essential caregivers must wear:

- A facemask (not including a cloth face covering) over mouth and nose when visiting a resident with COVID-19 negative status OR
- A facemask, gloves, gown, and face shield or goggles when visiting a resident with unknown COVID-19 status or positive COVID-19 status

All other personal visitors must wear a facemask or face covering over mouth and nose at all times while in the facility.

Per the CDC, children 2 years of age or younger do not need to wear a mask.
Visitation – Close Contact

Close contact is permitted:
• during essential caregiver visit,
• during end-of-life visit, or
• if the resident is fully-vaccinated and wearing a well-fitted mask during an indoor or outdoor visit.

A visitor’s vaccination status **does not affect** close contact requirements.
Visitation – Visitor PPE

Can a facility require visitors who are not vaccinated to wear full PPE?

Facilities are prohibited by rule from asking about a visitor’s vaccination status and preventing visitation because of it.

Facilities should not have policies that differentiate based on an individual’s vaccination status. The visitation rules do not require different levels of PPE based on vaccination status.

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Visitation – Visitor PPE

Can a facility require visitors who are not vaccinated to wear full PPE? (cont.)

It is the resident’s COVID-19 status that determines the level of PPE necessary during visitation.

A facility may have policies that are different than what is required by rule. However, a facility may not have a policy that potentially infringes on a resident’s right to receive visitors. (cont. on next slide)
Visitation – Visitor PPE

Can a facility require visitors who are not vaccinated to wear full PPE? (cont.)

requiring a visitor to wear full PPE based on the visitor’s vaccination status could infringe on a resident’s right to receive visitors.

only essential caregiver visitors are required to wear full PPE when visiting a resident with unknown or positive COVID-19 status. For essential caregivers, full PPE includes a facemask (not N95 or cloth face covering), gown, gloves and goggles or face shield.
Can a NF cohort residents by vaccination status or have separate activities/communal dining policies for residents based on vaccination status?

No. Residents should be cohorted by COVID-19 status: COVID-19 negative, unknown COVID-19 status, and COVID-19 positive. Residents must not be cohorted by vaccination status.

All residents who are COVID-19 negative (including those who have recovered from COVID-19), regardless of their vaccination status, may participate in group activities and communal dining. (cont. on next slide)
Vaccination Status

Can a NF cohort residents by vaccination status or have separate activities/communal dining policies for residents based on vaccination status? (cont.)

All residents have the right to leave their bedroom. Their vaccination status does not modify that right. NFs should ensure that residents can leave their rooms while still adhering to appropriate infection prevention and control measures.
When is HHSC going to update group activity and communal dining guidance?

At this time, CMS guidance (QSO 20-39) related to group activities and communal dining remain unchanged. CMS has indicated they are working to revise their guidance. HHSC is closely monitoring CMS guidance and will update our corresponding guidance as soon as possible following the revision of CMS guidance.

A resident’s vaccination status does not alter the requirements to adhere to infection prevention and control measures.
When is HHSC going to update group activity and communal dining guidance? (cont.)

CMS QSO 20-39 states:
While adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, communal activities and dining may occur. Residents may eat in the same room with social distancing (e.g., limited number of people at each table and with at least six feet between each person).
Vaccination Status

When is HHSC going to update group activity and communal dining guidance? (cont.)

CMS QSO 20-39 states:

Additionally, group activities may also be facilitated (for residents who have fully recovered from COVID-19, and for those not in isolation for observation, or with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 status) with social distancing among residents, appropriate hand hygiene, and use of a face covering (except while eating).
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New CDC Guidance: J&J Vaccine

CDC added information to their page: Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination

• People who have received the J&J vaccine within the past 3 weeks who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath should seek medical care right away.

• To date, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) has not detected patterns in cause of death that would indicate a safety problem with COVID-19 vaccines.
COVID-19 Breakthrough Cases

COVID-19 Breakthrough Case Investigations and Reporting

• A small percentage of people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will still get COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus—these are called “vaccine breakthrough cases”.

• Breakthrough case definition: A person who has SARS-CoV-2 RNA or antigen detected on a respiratory specimen collected at least 14 days after completing the primary series of a U.S. FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

• Vaccine breakthrough cases are expected.
COVID-19 Breakthrough Cases

- COVID-19 vaccines are still effective. Large-scale clinical studies found that COVID-19 vaccinated prevented most people from getting COVID-19.

- As of April 13, more than 75 million people in the US have been fully vaccinated since December 14, 2020. During the same time, CDC received 5,814 reports of vaccine breakthrough infections from 43 US states and territories. 45% of the reported infections were among people at least 60 years of age.
COVID-19 Breakthrough Cases

- The overall risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 among fully vaccinated people will be much lower than among people with similar risk factors who are not vaccinated.

- See [Possibility of COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination](#) for additional information.
State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Statewide phone: 800-252-2412
• Statewide email: ltc.ombudsman@hhs.texas.gov

State Ombudsman: Patty Ducayet, 737-704-9075 (or) patty.ducayet@hhs.Texas.gov

Weekly Facebook Live Q&A for Families of LTC Residents: Every Wednesday, 12:15 to 12:45 https://www.facebook.com/texasLtcombudsman?fref-ts
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Alert on Confer Rights not Accepted

NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page

- Long Term Care Dashboard

- Action Items

COMPLETE THESE ITEMS

- Confer Rights
  - Not Accepted

Assurance of Confidentiality: The voluntarily provided information obtained in this surveillance system that
confidence, will be used only for the purposes stated, and will not otherwise be disclosed or released without the
Service Act (42 USC 242b, 242k, and 242m(d)).
New Trainings available as recordings:

• Point of Care Test Reporting Tool Recently Asked Questions and Common Mistakes – April 2021
  • YouTube Link [Video – 46 min]

• COVID-19 Resident Therapeutics Reporting Pathway – April, 2021
  • YouTube Link [Video – 36 min]
  • Slideset pdf icon [PDF – 3 MB]

• COVID-19 Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Reporting Pathway – February, 2021
  • YouTube Link [Video – 60 min]
  • Slideset pdf icon [PDF – 3 MB]
NHSN RESOURCES

- TMF resources here: NHSN Resources
- CDC NHSN COVID19 Module: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html
- Details on SAMS Level 3: SAMS Level Three Access Having backup Users is crucial to staying in compliance with reporting!
- NHSN website changes: LTC Website Refresh Walk-through
CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff & Management Learning

• Available through the CMS Quality, Safety & Education Portal (QSEP).
• Can be completed on a cell phone
• Frontline nursing home staff modules:
  Module 1: Hand Hygiene and PPE
  Module 2: Screening and Surveillance
  Module 3: Cleaning the Nursing Home
  Module 4: Cohorting
  Module 5: Caring for Residents with Dementia in a Pandemic
• 3 hours total training time

• Management staff modules:
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  Module 6: Basic Infection Control
  Module 7: Emergency Preparedness and Surge Capacity
  Module 8: Addressing Emotional Health of Residents and Staff
  Module 9: Telehealth for Nursing Homes
  Module 10: Getting Your Vaccine Delivery System Ready
• 4 hours total training time
TMF LTC Connect – 30 minute sessions

• April 22 - The Best-Ever Formula to Improve Pneumococcal Vaccinations
  • Register: April 22 - Pneumococcal Vaccinations Webinar

• May 20 – Hit the Easy Button on NHSN COVID Data
  • Register: May 20 - NHSN COVID Data Webinar

• Sessions start at 1:30 pm
Reach out to us at: nhnetwork@tmf.org to submit requests for assistance with NHSN reporting problems or quality improvement assistance.
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Questions from last week
Q&A

Can indoor visits occur in a resident’s room?

Yes. Indoor visits can occur in any designated space in a facility, including a resident’s room. NFs must ensure that indoor visits occur in a space that allows for visitors to maintain physical distancing between themselves and all other residents and staff.

Indoor visits are only permitted for residents who are COVID-19 negative. Some additional limitations might apply. See PL-2021-08 for more information.

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Q&A

Can indoor visits occur in a resident’s room? (cont.)

Please note that indoor visits refer to visits other than essential caregiver visits and end-of-life visits. Essential caregiver visits and end-of-life visits can also take place in a resident’s room.
Q&A

Are we required to screen residents for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 three times per day if residents are fully-vaccinated?

Yes. At this time, facilities are still required to conduct enhanced monitoring of all residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The frequent monitoring helps identify any changes in the resident’s condition as early as possible. Residents should be educated on the purpose of this increased monitoring. Residents have the right to refuse to answer questions and have their vital signs taken.

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Q&A

Are we required to screen residents for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 three times per day if residents are fully-vaccinated? (cont.)

Due to the limited information about vaccine effectiveness, unknown potential for reinfection with variants of concern, the higher risk of severe disease and death older people, and challenges with physical distancing in healthcare settings, the requirement in the emergency rule remains in place and applies to all residents, including those who have recovered from COVID-19 and those who are fully vaccinated. (cont. on next slide)
Q&A

Are we required to screen residents for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 three times per day if residents are fully-vaccinated? (cont.)

We will update NF providers as soon as possible with any changes to rules and regulations, as well as updated guidance and recommendations.

See Emergency Rule- NF Mitigation and Response to COVID-19 for more information.
Reminders

GovDelivery Alerts
Don’t forget to sign up for GovDelivery alerts https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHS_C/subscriber/new
Select “Nursing Facility Resources” as a topic option to receive webinar updates.

CMS/CDC COVID-19 Training
CMS is offering free online training for nursing facilities related to COVID-19
Click here to view currently available pre-recorded trainings.
Facilities also have access to the CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff and Management
Reminders

Life Safety Code and the Maintenance of Nursing Homes Webinars

This course helps participants maintain their fire alarm, sprinkler and HVAC systems. While many of the facility staff can gain from this class, the information is especially suited for the maintenance staff. Other modules discuss the maintenance of a building's construction type, smoke barriers and corridor doors.

- April 22, 2021 | 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
  Register for the webinar.
Questions?

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Thank you!

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Join the TMF Quality Innovation Network Group and Confer Rights in the National Healthcare Safety Network

Step 1: Confirm Administrative Privileges
Only administrator-level users in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) can join a group and confer rights for their facility or facilities. This can be confirmed by viewing the options in the left-hand navigation bar. Only administrative-level users will be able to view the Group menu selection and its options.
Step 2: Join the TMF Quality Innovation Network Group

Navigate to the Group menu selection in the left-hand navigation bar and select “Join” to enter the TMF Quality Innovation Network group ID and password, as seen below.

- ID: 39183
- Password: TMFQINQIO (all uppercase)

Click on the button “Join Group.” If you receive an error message, please review the group ID and re-enter the password. If the problem persists, please email the TMF Quality Innovation Network at NHNetwork@tmf.org for assistance.

Step 3: Review the Group Function Disclaimer

Once the group ID and joining password have been entered correctly, and “Join Group” is selected, a warning message will appear. Please read this message and select “OK.”
Step 4: Rights Conferral Template for the TMF Quality Innovation Network Group

Once the administrator-level user has joined the group, he or she will see the rights conferral template for the TMF Quality Innovation Network group. Below are screenshots of the information that the TMF Quality Innovation Network group is requesting to review and analyze. Once the administrator-level user has reviewed the template, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Accept."

If you have any concerns about the information being requested on the rights template, please email NHNetwork@tmf.org before accepting the template.

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### Infections and other Events (Does not include MDRO/CDI Module)

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COVID-19 Updated Visitation Rules Summary

On March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2021, HHSC published updated visitation rules for nursing facilities (NFs). The following table is designed to assist facilities, residents, and resident families understand the visitation types that are required at a facility. See PL 2021-08 and the updated visitation rules for information on all visitation requirements.

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<td>Must be permitted in all Texas nursing facilities, for residents at end-of-life of any COVID-19 status, regardless of COVID-19 presence in the facility, community, or vaccination status.</td>
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<td><strong>Outdoor Visits</strong> (for visitors who are not essential caregivers and not participating in an end-of-life visit)</td>
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<td><strong>Indoor Visits</strong> (for visitors who are not essential caregivers and not participating in an end-of-life visit)</td>
<td>NFs that meet all of the following requirements allow indoor visits for COVID-19 negative residents. <strong>Cohorting Requirements</strong> - NFs must have:  - Separated cohorts for residents based on COVID-19 status (COVID-19 negative, COVID-19 positive, Unknown COVID-19)  - Dedicated staff for each COVID-19 resident cohort <strong>Outbreak Requirements</strong> - NFs must have been at least 14 days without a confirmed COVID-19 positive case in either:  - Staff working with the COVID-19 negative resident cohort</td>
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<td>- Residents in the COVID-19 negative cohort (not including residents who have been admitted to the facility in the previous 14 days)</td>
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**Indoor Visits During a COVID-19 Outbreak** *(for visitors who are not essential caregivers and not participating in an end-of-life visit)*

- NFs that meet the Cohorting Requirements but not the Outbreak Requirements for indoor visitation can allow indoor visitation if the COVID-19 outbreak is isolated to one area (i.e. one wing, hall, floor).

Determining if an outbreak is considered an isolated outbreak can only occur after completed the first round of outbreak testing.

An outbreak is considered isolated if there are no additional facility-acquired cases* in the facility OR if the additional facility-acquired cases in the facility only occur in the area (i.e. wing, hall, floor) that the first COVID-19 case originated.

If an outbreak is isolated to a single area, indoor visitation may continue for the other COVID-19 negative areas. Indoor visitation should be suspended in the affected area until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing. NFs must still continue to permit end-of-life visits and essential caregiver visits for all residents. End-of-life visits and essential caregiver visits may still occur inside the facility, including in the resident’s room. NFs must also still continue outdoor visits for all COVID-19 negative residents.

*Facility-acquired cases are defined as a new COVID-19 case in staff or a new COVID-19 case in a resident that was admitted to the facility at least 14 days prior to becoming COVID-19 positive. A resident being admitted to the facility with COVID-19 or becoming COVID-19 positive within 14 days of admission does not affect visitation.
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