Welcome Nursing Facility Providers!

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

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COVID-19 Q&A

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• Updates
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Discussion Point:
Why do we link to resources rather than putting the information from them into our documents?
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Helping Residents with Dementia

Helping Residents with Dementia Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in LTC Communities includes tips on:

• Touching the face
• Hand hygiene
• Wearing a mask
• Refraining from putting things in mouth
• Staying in safe areas
• Social distancing
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COVID-19 Response for Nursing Facilities

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COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR NURSING FACILITIES

Abstract

This document provides guidance to Nursing Facilities on Response Actions in the event of a COVID-19 exposure.
April 27 Updates

*Updated/new information is in red font and includes:

1. An attachment on a comprehensive mitigation plan
2. An attachment showing DSHS healthcare personnel return to work strategies
3. Information about the Rapid Assessment Quick Response Force
4. Some new resources

*Coming soon: infographics
CMS issued **QSO 20-28** on April 24

- Targeted inspection plan is being put in place to help keep nursing home residents safe in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Updates on how this will affect the Nursing Home Compare Website & Five Star Quality Rating System and its timeframes are detailed in the document.

- Nursing Home Staff and Resident Information – Nursing homes are required to report direct care staffing information through the PBJ system (per 42 CFR 483.70(q)).

- Guidance on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
CDC Mini Webinars

CDC LTC mini webinars are now available. They are published on the Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities (LTCFs) web page at the bottom under a “Webinar Series” section. The new webinars can be a training tool/resource for frontline long-term care staff.

1. Sparkling Surfaces - https://youtu.be/t7OH8ORr5Ig
3. Closely Monitor Residents - https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA
5. PPE Lessons - https://youtu.be/YYTATw9yav4
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NF Response Plan Training

Date: May 4
Time: 1-3 p.m.
Register for the May 4th webinar.

This webinar is designed to review the elements of COVID-19 preparedness, response, and mitigation outlined in the COVID-19 Response Plan for nursing facilities. The course provides facilities with strategies to rapidly identify COVID-19; prevent its spread; protect residents, staff, and visitors; provide care to infected residents; and begin recovery.
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• Questions and Answers from the week
COVID-19 Q&A

Question:
What impact does GA-18 have on NFs?

Answer:
The Governor’s Executive Order GA-18, issued 04/27, reiterates the following guidance for NFs:

- Restrict visitors unless to provide critical assistance as determined by (HHSC)
- Follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible
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Question:
Does the Open Texas Plan impact NFs?

Answer:
Yes – The Governor’s Open Texas plan includes information specific to NFs, including recommendations to:

- Quantify extent of infection immediately
- Implement comprehensive mitigation plan
- Re-evaluation for current positive facilities
- Isolation of residents with confirmed cases
- Implement enhanced access control
OSHA Guidance

OSHA’s respiratory protection training videos: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/training_videos.html

Topics include:

• Fit testing,
• Medical evaluations,
• Respiratory protection in general industry,
• Respirator types,
• Voluntary use of respirators,
• Respiratory protection in construction,
• Training requirements, respiratory protection for healthcare workers,
• The differences between respirators and surgical masks,
• Donning & doffing,
• Counterfeit respirators, maintenance and care,
• OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (1910.134).
Questions?

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