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**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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## Panelist

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Long-term Care Regulatory

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- Introduction and overview
- Updates
- COVID-19 Response for Nursing Facilities



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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:

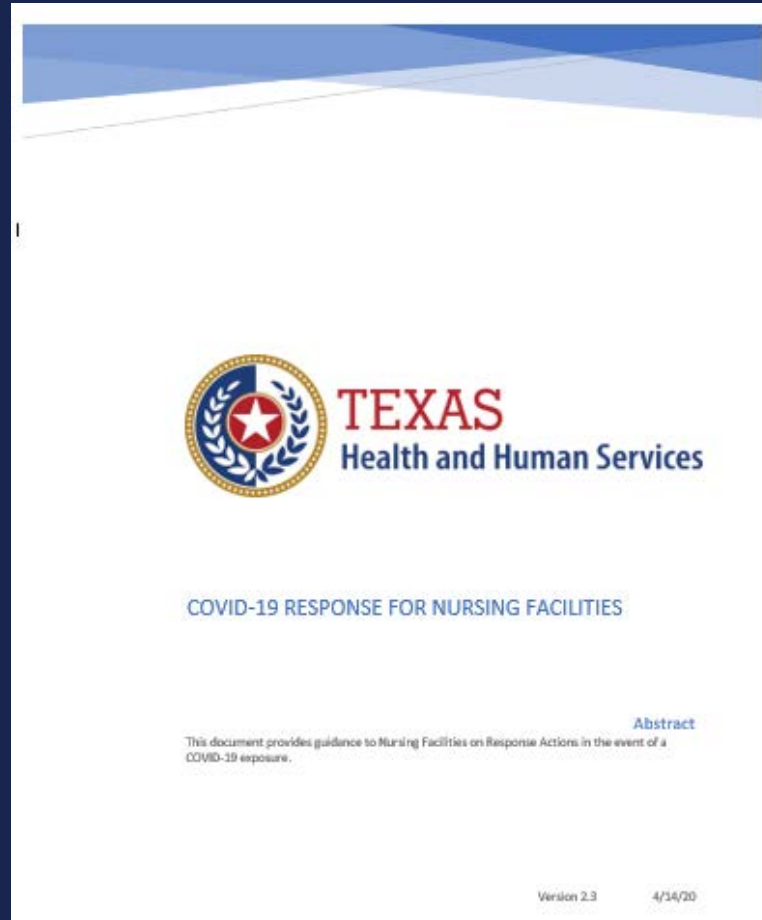
- Touching the face
- Hand hygiene
- Wearing a mask
- Refraining from putting things in mouth
- Staying in safe areas
- Social distancing



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## COVID-19 Response for Nursing Facilities



# April 27 Updates

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\*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



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# QSO 20-28-NH

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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)



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# 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/t7OH8ORr5Iq>
2. Clean Hands - <https://youtu.be/xmYMUly7qiE>
3. Closely Monitor Residents - <https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA>
4. Keep COVID-19 Out! <https://youtu.be/7srwrF9MGdw>
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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Michael Gayle  
Director  
HHS/HHSC

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Department of State Health Services  
Representative

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- [Fit Under Fire: Situational Strategies to Achieve the Best Respirator Fit During Crisis](#)



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- Questions and Answers from the week



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## 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



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## OSHA Guidance

OSHA's respiratory protection training videos:

[https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/training\\_videos.html](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](#)).



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# Questions?

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