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**Welcome ICF/IID Providers!**

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

**September 8, 2020**

For more information:

Web: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-provider-information>

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# COVID-19 Updates

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# Reminder

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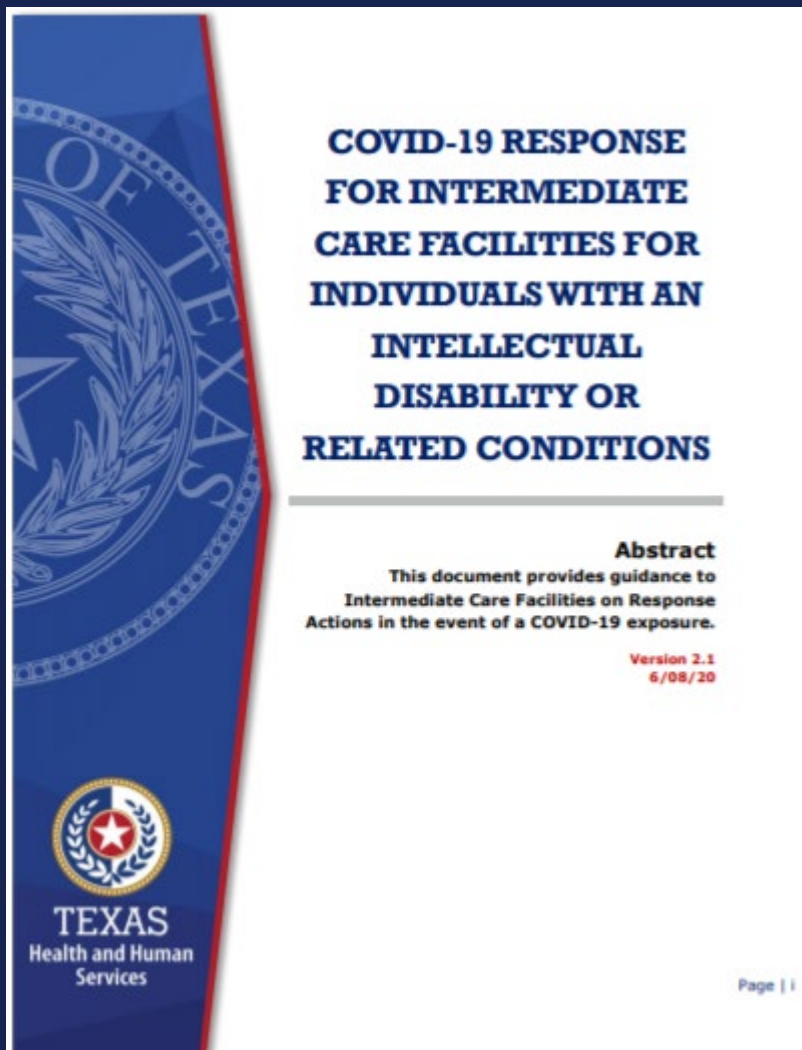
Please read and review *frequently*.

**Keep a copy on hand at all times.**

**COVID-19 Response for ICF**



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# COVID-19 Response for ICF

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COVID-19 response plan –  
upcoming revisions and updates:

- Phase 1 visitation
- Return-to-work criteria
- Discontinuation of transmission-based precautions
- Updated references
- Minimize duplicate information



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# Expansion of Visitation

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We are currently working on emergency rules to permit more types of visitation in an ICF.

Currently only ICFs with Phase 1 designation may permit limited indoor and outdoor visitation.

Phase 1 designation is not required for closed window visits or end-of-life visits.



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# COVID-19 Provider & Surveyor Expectations

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Providers must follow infection control and prevention practices & procedures when surveyors and other people are in the building:

- in the facility (residence)
- day program
- business office
- administrative areas



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# COVID-19 Provider & Surveyor Expectations

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## Continued:

Infection control and prevention practices & procedures include:

- wear appropriate PPE when in facility (residence) or day program
- wear facemask or face covering when other people, such as surveyors, are in business office or administrative areas
- perform hand hygiene
- adhere to physical distancing
- other ICP practices and procedures, as applicable



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# COVID-19 – Provider & Surveyor Expectations

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## Continued:

Surveyors must:

- wear appropriate PPE when in facility (residence) or day program
- wear facemask when in business office or administrative areas
- perform hand hygiene
- adhere to physical distancing
- other ICP practices and procedures, as applicable



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# COVID-19 Q&A

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# Question: NPI

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Will additional information or training be provided for the changes to the TMHP billing that begins on Sept. 1?



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# Answer: NPI

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The LTC bulletin provides guidance on how to submit updates to the NPI. This information is found on the TMHP website in The LTC Provider Bulletin, No. 83 (see pages 10-11).



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# NPI

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Also, HHSC published an information letter to remind providers about what NPI to use when entering data about the attending medical professional.

Please see IL 2020-38,  
Institutional Claim, Attending  
Provider's NPI



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# Mini Training

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# COVID-19 Q&A

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## Question:

Where can this PowerPoint and presentation be found after the webinar is complete?

## Response:

The recording and PowerPoint slide show is available, typically within the same week as the webinar, on the [ICF Provider Portal](#):

- in the COVID-19 Resources section
- in the News & Alerts section

An alert, which includes the link, is also available via [gov delivery](#) emails.



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# COVID-19 Q&A

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## Question:

HCS facilities no longer require quarantine of individuals attending dayhab programs. Is quarantine of individuals attending dayhab still required for ICF residents? If so, is quarantine still required for 14 days?

## Response:

Yes. Individuals who leave the home regularly, including for day hab, must be kept separated from individuals who don't leave the home regularly. 14 days is still the time frame to monitor for signs and symptoms and keep individuals separated from those who don't leave regularly. Since they are leaving the home regularly, it's a constantly moving timeframe - meaning as long as they are regularly attending day hab, they will need to be kept separated from those who don't leave the home regularly.



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## Response (cont.):

Keeping those individuals separated doesn't mean they are automatically considered confirmed or suspected for COVID, but that they had the potential to be exposed. Those individuals leaving the home regularly need to be monitored for signs and symptoms, and if an individual becomes symptomatic the facility will need to arrange the appropriate precautions.

That being said, it is not a requirement to keep them restricted to the home for those 14 days. They are not prohibited from attending day hab.



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# COVID-19 Q&A

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## Question:

Could limited contact be acceptable if full PPE is utilized by all parties and such contact is not considered “prolonged exposure?”

## Response:

No. At this time, only essential visitors are permitted at an ICF, unless the ICF has Phase 1 designation. An ICF with Phase 1 designation may permit certain types of limited indoor and outdoor visitation, but Phase 1 visitation does not permit physical contact between the resident and visitor.



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# Thank you!

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