

Questions & Answers
Assisted Living/Res Care/Adult Day Care Provider Call
Wednesday, July 21st, 2021
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Links provided in the Q&A chat box or in Q&A can be located at the end of this document.

1. Q: The Non-NH Testing Grid states under Outbreak that “Staff and residents shall be tested as directed by the department”. How do we get that direction from the department? Several weeks ago I had a positive employee, called Jeneene and left a message and never received a return call. I called the epidemiologist on call and was sent to a voice message that said to contact the epidemiologist on call at the same number I just called.

A: You can contact LTC at LTC@health.ok.gov or call 405.426.8200. LTC will direct the question to the right person to get you the right response.

2. Q: Can indoor activities be conducted with vendors, such as a piano player, at this time?

A: You need to consider your risks and what is going on in your facility. You need to think about what your county positivity rate is. Consider if the person is vaccinated and remember to follow all of the Core Principles such as screening, wearing masks and distancing.

3. Q: If we have had a recent outbreak, how long do you recommended we follow the Core Principles (masks, enhanced cleaning, social distancing, etc.) after quarantine times with no further positive tests?

A: We recommend that you continue following the Core Principles right now, at all times. Refer to the Non-NH Visitation Grid for guidance on the Core Principles located on the LTC - LTC COVID-19 Resources - Provider Guidance page at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/long-term-care-service/ltc-covid-19-resources/provider-guidance.html>.

4. Q: Are Adult Day Participants still required to wear a mask if they are distanced? If so, what if they refuse? Our census is being affected by people not coming who do not want to wear a mask is why I ask.

A: If they are not vaccinated, they really should be wearing a mask. If everyone is vaccinated then they would not have to wear a mask. You need to look at the group of people who are there.

Janene Steward's final comments:

I appreciate each one of you. We know it has been very challenging times with the pandemic, so thank you for trying to provide the best care of our residents.



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OSDH – Non-NH Grids - <https://oklahoma.gov/health/protective-health/long-term-care-service/ltc-covid-19-resources/provider-guidance.html>

Monoclonal Antibodies Resources:

- COMBATCOVID website - <https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/>
- Oklahoma Regional Medical Response System - <https://okrmrs.com/>
- OSDH contact – Elyce Holloway (State HPP Coordinator) email: elyceh@health.ok.gov
- Direct Order through AmerisourceBergen (distributor of USG mAbs) - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/255d164d67834793b4ab549e160941e8>
- Sotrovimab Information - <https://www.sotrovimab.com/>
- HRSA Fact Sheet - <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/uninsured-patient-covid-services-poster.pdf>

Variant Testing Contacts: Vanessa Grimaldo (Public Health Lab) email: vanessa.grimaldo@health.ok.gov for public health lab courier coordination