

**Questions & Answers**  
**Assisted Living/Res Care/Adult Day Care Provider Call**

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

*Disclaimer: Information and responses to questions provided during the Provider Calls are turned around quickly and may occasionally reference regulatory language from different regulatory sets. It is our goal to provide the most accurate information. Therefore, the Q&As are thoroughly researched following each call to ensure complete and accurate information is provided in written responses based on the correct regulatory sets and/or CDC guidance. Please contact LTC for any questions.*

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

1. Q: Is it too late to be included in the Respirator Fit Testing-Train the Trainer grant?

A: No, it is not too late to sign up for this grant activity. You may contact Kerry Cudd at [kerryc@health.ok.gov](mailto:kerryc@health.ok.gov) or 405.808.9217 for further information if you have questions and/or are still undecided.

2. Q: How can we get the information provided in today's call?

A: The call recordings, Key Guidance and Agendas, and Q&A documents are posted on the [LTC COVID-19 Provider Calls and Q&As](#) webpage by the end of the following week, usually on Wednesday. You may also contact LTC if you have any questions.

3. Q: If a resident is moving in as a new resident, and there are no positive cases of COVID, they test on day 1, 3 and 5, correct? Do they quarantine for that time frame?

A: The current recommendations can be located in the CDC [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#), revised 09/23/22. They updated the recommendations for testing frequency to detect potential for variants with shorter incubation periods and to address the risk for false negative antigen tests in people without symptoms. It was also updated to note that, in general, asymptomatic patients no longer require empiric use of Transmission-Based Precautions following close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection. The **Perform SARS-CoV-2 Viral Testing** section reads in parts, "...

- *Asymptomatic patients with close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection should have a series of three viral tests for SARS-CoV-2 infection. Testing is recommended immediately (but not earlier than 24 hours after the exposure) and, if negative, again 48 hours after the first negative test and, if negative, again 48 hours after the second negative test. This will typically be at day 1 (where day of exposure is day 0), day 3, and day 5...*
- *The yield of screening testing for identifying asymptomatic infection is likely lower when performed on those in counties with lower levels of SARS-CoV-2 community transmission.*

*However, these results might continue to be useful in some situations (e.g., when performing higher-risk procedures or for HCP caring for patients who are moderately to severely immunocompromised) to inform the type of infection control precautions used (e.g., room assignment/cohorting, or PPE used) and prevent unprotected exposures. If implementing a screening testing program, testing decisions should not be based on the vaccination status of the individual being screened. To provide the greatest assurance that someone does not have SARS-CoV-2 infection, if using an antigen test instead of a NAAT, facilities should use 3 tests, spaced 48 hours apart..."*

The **Duration of Empiric Transmission-Based Precautions for Asymptomatic Patients following Close Contact with Someone with SARS-CoV-2 Infection** section reads in part, *"In general, asymptomatic patients do not require empiric use of Transmission-Based Precautions while being evaluated for SARS-CoV-2 following close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection. These patients should still wear source control and those who have not recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 30 days should be tested as described in the testing section..."*

4. Q: Is testing required on a resident returning to ALF from SNF or admitting from LTC?

A: Consider what your policies say. Would this resident be considered an admission or readmission? What is the facility's testing policy for admissions or readmissions?

5. Q: COVID variant XBB.1.5 and other strains circulating in Oklahoma. Something to be concerned about in adult day care facilities?

A: These are all COVID-19 variant strains. XBB.1.5 is believed to be highly transmissible and many expect it to become the dominant variant in the United States. Monitoring the CDC [County Transmission Levels](#) of your county should help you determine your risks.

6. Q: Can the aides go to OKC OSDH building to renew their licenses?

A: Yes, an aide can come to the Central office and turn in an application with fee to the finance window (open daily between 2:30pm-4:00pm). Our finance department processes payments only and then delivers the application to Nurse Aide Registry for certification renewal. This process can take anywhere from 3-5 business days depending on holiday schedule, office closures etc. It is important to note that the certification will NOT be processed the day it is delivered to OSDH like it has been historically.

7. Q: If we have done the training in the past, do we need to repeat the IDR training?

A: If you have currently been an active participant in the IDR process, you should not have to retake the training. If you have not currently been an active participant in the IDR process, you may need

to retake the training. If interested in participating on the IDR panel, send an email to [LTC@health.ok.gov](mailto:LTC@health.ok.gov) and we can discuss your training needs.

**Links provided in the Q&A chat box or in Q&A:**

CDC - County Transmission Level Map: [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#county-view?list\\_select\\_state=all\\_states&list\\_select\\_county=all\\_counties&data-type=Risk](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=Risk)

CDC - Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Flong-term-care.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Flong-term-care.html)

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Link for Learning Needs Assessment for Respirator Fit Testing: Enter this link into your URL <https://redcap.health.ok.gov/surveys/> and then you will be prompted to enter the following code: DD8M7X8MJ (code is not case sensitive)

Or

Open your camera and point at the QR code and click on the link which will pop up on your screen in yellow. The link will take you directly to the assessment.



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OSDH – LTC COVID-19 Resources webpage: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/long-term-care-service/ltc-covid-19-resources.html>

OSDH LTC COVID-19 Resources Provider Call and FAQ webpage:  
<https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/long-term-care-service/ltc-covid-19-resources/provider-calls-and-faqs.html>