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State Department of Health

Non-Nursing Home—Other LTC Provider Types Call, Updated CDC Guidance, Updated LTCF Program Implementation FAQs, New CMS Web-based Training

January 15, 2021

SAVE THE DATE! Provider Call

Intended Audience: Non-Nursing Home—Other LTC Provider types including Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, ICF-IID, and Residential Care Facilities

(Note: A separate notification was sent for Nursing/Skilled Nursing Facilities call.)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Be sure and access the correct call:

- **Identify the targeted audience in the link for the call**.
- For Non-Nursing Home—Other LTC Facility types including Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, ICF-IID, and Residential Care Facilities click here to easily access the call.

During the meeting you will be able to submit questions via the Q&A feature.

If you are an Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, ICF/IID, or Residential Care facility, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking here (preferred method)**.**

To join by phone:

+1 405-898-0717 United States, Oklahoma City (Toll)

Conference ID: 712 804 539#

We encourage everyone to access the training via the link as this will allow as many participants to attend as possible.

Updated CDC Guidance

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently released updated guidance on when to perform confirmatory COVID-19 tests, when to apply transmission-based precautions, and/or when HCP should be excluded from work. The intended audiences for updated guidance includes all long-term care facility types.

In summary:

- ***Asymptomatic*** people who tes***t antigen positive*** should have a confirmatory NAAT (RT-PCR) test performed.
    - Residents should be placed in transmission-based precautions in a single room ***or***, if single rooms are not available, remain in their current room pending results of confirmatory testing.
    - Residents should **not** be transferred to a COVID-19 unit or placed in another shared room with new roommates.
    - Staff should be excluded from work if in this category.
- If you are ***experiencing an outbreak***
    - If *an antigen test for* ***an asymptomatic person is presumptive negative, or***
    - *If the* ***antigen test is positive but the confirmatory*** *NAAT* (performed within 2 days) ***is negative****, the* facility should:
    - **Place residents on appropriate transmission-based precautions**;
    - Staff should be allowed to continue to work with **continued symptom monitoring**.
- ***Symptomatic*** people who *test* ***antigen negative*** should have a confirmatory NAAT (RT-PCR) test performed.
    - **Symptomatic residents** should be **kept on transmission-based precautions**
    - **Symptomatic HCP** should be **excluded from work until NAAT (RT-PCR) results return**.

- If a person is a known ***close contact*** of a person with confirmed COVID-19:
    - ***Residents should remain in quarantine for 14 days*** *from exposure* and staff should follow risk assessment guidance.
    - Alternatives to the 14-day quarantine period are described in the *Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing*.
    - Facilities could consider reducing the quarantine period as a measure to mitigate staffing shortages, space limitations, or PPE supply shortages; **however, these alternatives are not a preferred option because of the special nature of healthcare settings** [e.g., residents at risk for severe illness, critical nature of healthcare personnel, challenges with social distancing]).

Confirmatory test should be performed with nucleic acid amplifications tests (NAAT) such as reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). **As a reminder, a negative PCR after the positive antigen test does not negate the need to report the positive antigen test to NHSN.**

Please review the CDC guidance in detail.

As a reminder, the Non-Nursing Home grids are consistent with the 14 day quarantine indicated in the CDC guidance. The Non-Nursing Home grids may be located on our LTC COVID Resource webpage. Scroll down to OSDH at the bottom of the page to locate the grids.

Updated LTCF Program Implementation FAQs

Review the updated Federal Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care Program FAQ

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