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National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training

COVID-19 Surveillance to Enable Early Detection and Response to Outbreaks: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Mandatory Data Collection

Date: Thursday, August 6, 2020

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 PM CT

Advance Registration Required: [Register here.](#)

Note: Once you register, you will receive an email with your individual link to join the webinar. The link you receive will only work for one user. Please forward this email to other team members if you would like them to attend so they can register.

The webinar audio will stream through your computer speakers. For the best experience, be sure to have headphones or your volume turned up. We recommend closing any other applications that may be open, especially those that use up bandwidth.

Audience:

Open to nursing home leaders, clinical and administrative staff members and others interested in nursing home infection prevention in the era of COVID-19.

Series Description:

The National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training is brought to you by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the QIO Program, a national network of Quality Innovation

Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) serving every state and territory.

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This Week's Topic: COVID-19 Surveillance to Enable Early Detection and Response to Outbreaks: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Mandatory Data Collection

Following today's call, participants will possess the knowledge and approaches for remaining current in federal guidance and reporting requirements as well as the importance of conducting regular outcome and process surveillance.

During this webinar, participants will receive an overview of the following:

- Brief overview of federal reporting requirements and information on where to access the most up-to-date information and guidance
- Understand and recognize the purpose of, and key elements necessary for, ongoing COVID-19 surveillance
- Understand how a facility should use surveillance data for the prevention, early detection, and mitigation of a potential COVID-19 outbreak
- How to collect, enter, and submit data to the NHSN COVID-19 LTCF COVID-19 Module, including assigning a dedicated Infection Preventionist to conduct ongoing facility-wide surveillance
- Understand how HHS, CMS and CDC use data reported to the CDC NHSN LTCF COVID-19 Module

Continuing Education Credits:

The National Nursing Home Training Series is not accredited by CMS. You can follow up with your association or accrediting body to see if it awards credit for participation in these trainings. Continuing education credits may be awarded by some organizations for participation in CMS trainings.

OSDH Extends Cares Act Grant Deadline for Nursing Homes

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) announced on August 4th, 2020, a one-month extension for long-term care facilities and nursing homes to apply for a CARES Act grant from the State to mitigate the presence of COVID-19 in facilities.

Oklahoma's long-term care and nursing home facilities can apply for grant funding from the State to cover the expense of infection disease support, PPE supplies, and mitigation expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline for this grant program is now August 31, 2020, and applications are [available online](#).

“Governor Stitt and OSDH prioritized these critical CARES Act funds to continue to help Oklahoma's nursing homes and long-term care facilities operate safely while keeping residents connected with their loved ones during the pandemic,” said Interim Health Commissioner Lance Frye, MD. “The grant process is simple and straightforward, and we urge facilities to get their applications in before August 31 in order to be eligible.”

Roughly 66% of Oklahoma's long-term care facilities and nursing homes have applied for a CARES Act grant since it was first announced on June 30 by Governor Kevin Stitt and Commissioner Frye.

To date, 49% of COVID-19 related deaths in Oklahoma have been associated with a resident in a long-term care facility or nursing home. The rate of COVID-19 infections and deaths in these facilities has plateaued since June 1 when the state entered the final phases of reopening and remains less than 10% of new cases.