**Remaining questions with answers:**

1. [12:18 PM] Singhal, Deepshikha

Have EMTs been assigned to help LTCs vaccinate? ? Two individuals showed up to a facility in Harrison county claiming to help vaccinate, but the LTC had not been told about this so they wanted to reach out and verify.

Answer: Yes as part of the mobile vaccine units

1. [12:21 PM] Tonya O'Dell (Guest)

can the state work with the national guard to assist cvs to get these vaccines out quicker

Answer: No, they are on a different mission but understand the frustration and request.

1. [12:22 PM] Jen Armendariz (Guest)

Do our current tests, POC or PCR, pick up the "new strain" of covid?

Answer: Yes, to the best of knowledge but as variants continue to occur it is always a concern.  - Most commercial polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests have multiple targets to detect the virus, such that even if a mutation impacts one of the targets, the other PCR targets will still work. - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html>

1. ​[12:23 PM] Sue Hornstein

is there a plan in place to provide on going vaccinatoins for residents after the third clinic

Answer: Hopefully by that time we will have enough vaccine that it can be administered similar to the way we do flu shots. That will depend on the additional vaccine approvals and supplies.

1. [12:24 PM] Ron Nunziato

Testing: Can PH communicate with CMS (we have tried) that most of the Antigen testing (Abbott Now and BD) expire in January and February. will they be sending more or are we on our own....?

Answer: Yes. We will pass that on.

1. ​[12:27 PM] steve tanner (Guest)

If a waiver was granted MARCH 2020 is it still in effect?

Answer: Not sure which waiver. Most have been extended.

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1. [12:28 PM] Susan Seydel (Guest)

Are SNFs required to report vaccines through NHSN? We had our first clinic this week.

Answer: <https://www.ihca.org/resource/reporting-of-poc-antigen-test-results-to-nhsn-changed-to-optional/> To be clear, the NSHN vaccine information is optional.

1. [12:28 PM] Meghan Coryn O'Donnell

Going back to the Prevnar question, does it have to be 14 days apart, or can they be given on the same day?

Answer: “Given the lack of data on the safety and efficacy of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines administered simultaneously with other vaccines, the vaccine series should routinely be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration with any other vaccine.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

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1. [12:29 PM] Cherry Smith (Guest)

Is Communal Dining allowed with the positivity rate above 10%?

Answer: See our visitation guidelines which outline communal dining and activities. They  have not change at this time.

<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN_COVID-19%20Visitation%20Guidelines%2011.22.20.pdf>

1. [12:29 PM] Ott, Monica L (Guest)

All vaccines have to be given 14 days apart from COVID. They should not be given on the same day.

Answer: see #8

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1. [12:30 PM] Jennifer (Guest)

Is a facility allowed to accept admits if they have COVID positive residents.

Answer: Yes, they can accept but need to be able cohort and following general infection control guidelines.

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1. [12:31 PM] Amanda Hall (Guest)

If the county rate is over 10% are families allowed in the facility to move the resident in or out? We have AL and skilled in the same building.

Answer: Yes if they wear appropriate PPE and are not visiting but rather helping them out of the facility. They would still need to be screened. Jennifer please confirm this is correct.

1. [12:34 PM] steve tanner (Guest)

If we report to NHSN what do we need to report too REDCAP?

Answer: see #7

Answer: see this guidance. Note that IDH has not updated this for the change of POC test results to NHSN. Call me if you need assistance. <https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INSDH/2020/12/22/file_attachments/1632683/IN_COVID-19LTCDataSubmissionGuidelines12.22.20%20V2.pdf>

1. [12:49 PM] Audrey Sweesy

Any idea on when the other companies will be applying for EUA?

Answer: Not definitive but estimates are J&J in March and Astra Zeneca in April. That could change though.