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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- Federal vaccine mandate – Zach Cattell
- IDH Update
  - Booster shots
  - Breakthrough infections and vaccine protection
  - Complaint and infection control focused survey trends
  - # of outbreaks in SNFs and Als this week
- FAQ and Q&A – Lori Davenport

IMDA Quarterly Education (virtual) Meeting, *Aug 28, details HERE*

Achieving Objectives through People: Topics in Human Resources, *a webinar on Sept 1, details HERE*

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Question #1

Can musicians or staff play a wind instrument inside the facility for entertainment?

ANSWER:

No, not with current trends and this agrees with current language on the guidance.

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Question #2

Do providers need to report vaccination status on vendors that work outside the facility (landscape, grounds etc.) but do not ever enter the facility?

ANSWER:

No

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Question #3

Will the STOP SIGNS be modified?

This was a question asked because of the choice given to fully vaccinated employees to opt out of wearing a face shield in green and some yellow zoned areas regardless of the positivity rate.

ANSWER:

I do not believe there needs adjustment; a fully vaccinated individual may choose not to wear regardless of positivity rates – PPE for the zone remains unchanged otherwise.

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Question #4

Have you had many reports of PCR tests conflicting in result on asymptomatic folks? Non ISDH lab PCR negative result and the ISDH lab shows positive on the same asymptomatic person?

ANSWER:

This is a lab question and IDH does not have this information.

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Question #5

Which system are providers to use for checking weekly data for positivity rates -- CDC Tracker or CMS?

Is it one or the other or either one?

ANSWER:

CDC Tracker

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Question #6

Are Essential Family Care Givers volunteers when it comes to NHSN reporting?

ANSWER:

No, they are visitors

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Question #7

Can a provider require an EFC to test for COVID?

ANSWER:

The facility can offer but not require testing for COVID-19. CMS would need to change the language in the QSO-20-39-NH memorandum before this answer could be different than it is today.

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Information

- Refusal of Testing
  - Make sure your policy addresses resident and employee refusal of testing.
  - Review it and follow it.

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Information

- Are you RED ZONE ready?

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Q & A

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