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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- NHSN follow-up from last week Who goes into what bucket and QA Alerts
- New admission and readmission – Nursing Home and Assisted Living
- Communal Dining – Nursing Home and Assisted Living
- Q&A

Fundamentals of Defense, Part II: Falls, Infection Control/COVID-19 Outbreak Management, Pressure Ulcers, Wrongful Death, a webinar on Nov 3, details [HERE](#)

Virtual Assisted Living Symposium, an on-demand event Nov 19-Dec 3, details [HERE](#)



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NHSN Follow-up last week's call

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Who exactly goes into the buckets?

- **Employee HCP** = staff on the facility payroll and regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.
- **Non-Employee HCP** – Do not receive a paycheck from the facility. Physicians, NP's, PA's affiliated with healthcare facility, but not directly employed by it. **Regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact.**
- **Non-Employee HCP (Other Contract Personnel)** – Persons providing care. Treatment, or services at the facility through a contract who do not meet the definition of any other required denominator category.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/instr/57.219-toi-508.pdf>



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QA Alerts

Resolution

We have recently discovered an issue with the quality assurance (QA) alerts that appear on the alerts screen in the NHSN application, and we are currently working to resolve it. It appears that the data quality alerts are now sometimes generating inaccurately for the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module vaccination rate for reporting weeks starting with week ending 10/3. **Please disregard these alerts**, as the alerts are not impacting a facility's ability to enter, update, save, or analyze data. Additionally, please **do not edit Weekly COVID-19 vaccination Module data from within the QA alerts screen.**



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QA Alerts

- Many of the alert problems have been resolved
- If still on your facility page to the following:
 - Confirm them.
 - Do not change any of the data that was submitted.

Follow the link below to obtain data QA Alert information:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps/covidvax/dq-alerts-508.pdf>.



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Assisted Living and Nursing Home Admissions

- Residents outside of the facility for more than 24 hours are a readmission.
- All new admissions and readmissions must be screened and treated according to screening results.
- **Unvaccinated new admissions and readmissions should be placed into TBP even if they have a negative test. (14 days).**
- **Fully vaccinated new admissions and readmissions do not need to be in TBP if asymptomatic and pass a screening protocol.** If any prolonged contact with a known positive or symptom is present, then the fully vaccinated resident should be treated according to exposure protocol.



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Admissions continued

- **All new admissions should be POC tested.**
 - Positive: Follow up with PCR and place resident in a yellow zone until PCR results returned.
 - Positive PCR – Move to red zone
- Remember that all admissions should be monitored for symptoms – regardless of vaccination status and POC test considered at 3-5 days based on screening or high-risk activities.



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ASK the Questions

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Exposure Questions – Start here and save yourself time.

- Vaccinated or unvaccinated ?
- High-risk exposure ?
- Had COVID-19 in the last 90 days?
- Symptomatic or asymptomatic?
- Immunocompromised?



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Follow slides from last weeks review

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Communal Dining – Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

- Core principals of infection control and source controls should be in place and encouraged.
- HCP will continue to wear source controls so long as they are indoors.
- Community transmission is substantial to high – HCP must wear eye protection when providing direct care within 6 feet of a resident in the green zone, and always in the yellow and red zones. --- **Assisted Living and Nursing Homes!**



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Communal Dining – Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

- Communal dining and activities can occur under the following:
 - Facilities can adhere to physical distancing, such as being seated at least 6 feet apart.
 - Dining area is environmentally cleaned before and after each group comes to the area.
 - Residents should be offered hand hygiene before and after activities and dining.
 - Residents should not share food, drinks, or other personal items during dining.
 - Caregivers in the dining areas should wear and perform hand hygiene before assisting residents with eating and between each resident that they assist.
 - Caregivers should perform hand hygiene after leaving the resident's room if assisting him/her there.



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