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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- Isolation and Quarantine & Antivirals – Dr. Vuppalanchi
- Conventional use of PPE – Jennifer Spivey
- COVID-19 topics and frequently asked questions – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

The Proficient Infection Preventionist, a webinar series in 2022, pre-purchase now and save \$\$, starts January 18, details [HERE](#)

Staffing Agencies: The Ins, Outs & Best Practices, a webinar on Feb. 9, details [HERE](#)



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Screening & Messaging

- Does your system work?
- Is your message clear
- Visitors –
 - Do not enter if you have had known contact with a person who has COVID-19.
 - Watch for fever (100.4 F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, or other COVID symptoms.
 - Symptoms – get tested and stay isolated until you get results
 - No symptoms – test again in 5 days after last close contact with a COVID positive person
 - Vaccination and Booster shot information – make it available



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Isolation

- Regardless of vaccination status – isolate if positive test or symptomatic while waiting for test result



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Counting Isolation Days – Does not apply to residents

- First day of symptoms is day 0
- First full day (24 hours) after symptoms develop is day 1.
- Isolation is a full 5 days.
- Well fitting mask for the next 5 days when around others.
- Stay away from high risk for severe disease, nursing homes and other high-risk settings for 10 days.



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Probari – Assistance in Locating Antivirals

- Mild to moderate illness
- Confirmed COVID-19
- High Risk for progression of illness
- Not hospitalized
- Within 5 days of symptom onset



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Probari – Assistance in Locating Antivirals

- Screen resident
- Discuss with attending physician
- Discuss with pharmacy for contraindications
- Contact your LTC Pharmacy or Probari (317-804-4102) with the following information:



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Information

- ✓ Resident Name and DOB
- ✓ Prescriber name and phone number
- ✓ Distance the facility is able to drive to pick up the medication
- ✓ Facility contact name and callback number



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Question 1

Are the Feds going to reduce or stop shipments of tests because of a shortage or any other reason?

ISDH answer:

We haven't heard this. IDOH continues to receive small shipments of rapid tests (including BinaxNOW) and has outstanding orders that haven't been filled.



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Question 2

How timely is the Langham portal is delivering testing supplies and is it because of a shortage?

ISDOH Answer:

Standard turnaround is 5 days but when order volume goes up – it can be 7-10 days.

Rush orders will be 5 working days

Discussion:



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Question 3

Providers have reported getting directives from IP's related to "stop testing vaccinated folks that are asymptomatic during outbreak testing" and to use outbreak testing option to target test and conduct contact tracing and not to use house-wide testing during an outbreak because of Indiana's testing supply shortage. – Please clarify:

Answer:

Contact tracing option should be used if limited number of cases and contact tracing can be done. If multiple cases, spread out cases or unable to contact trace, do broad based. Vaccinated staff do not get routine testing as per the Qso, but would have to get tested when there is an indication(exposure, contact traced on outbreak, travel, symptomatic etc.)



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Question 4

Is Indiana looking at the testing frequency for outbreak testing and will this change soon?

Answer:

We will follow CMS/CDC guidance.



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Question 5

Could you clarify what type of masks are to be worn for visitors and residents with the omicron variant spreading three times as fast as other variants?

ISDH Answer:

CDC has not changed guidance for general public which visitors fall into this category.

Discussion



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Question 6

Will Indiana require a test to return to work after a 5-day isolation period --- or is this optional and only if a test is readily available and will home test be a word of honor if you do require a test?

ISDH answer:

Guidance says with or without test in the contingency staffing, so do the test if able to. Skip the test if test is not available. We are NOT requiring the test.

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Q&A

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