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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- NHSN – QIO Update – Kara Dawson
- QMA Testing and Newsletter topics this week – Amy Kent and Suzanne Williams
- Fire and Life Safety 1135 Waivers to Sunset – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

The Staff Experience That Can Make or Break Our Workforce: Keys to Recruitment and Retention, a webinar on May 11, details [HERE](#)



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CMS – The Plan to Sunset various Fire and Life Safety Related 1135 Waivers

- March 2020 – 1135 waivers helped us contain the spread of COVID-19.
- April 2022 – CMS announced many of the waivers will be sunsetting
- Expirations dates – 30-day expiration and 60-day expiration
- Waivers related to fire and life safety have a 60-day expiration



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Inspection – Testing and maintenance

- It is time to re-engage normal “pre-pandemic” inspection, testing and maintenance and frequencies.
 - Contact vendors – and schedule services – document the contact and the scheduled service.
 - Remember – some intervals can range from quarterly to every two years depending on the system component.
 - Review your most recent documentation and develop a schedule to get back on track.



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Fire Drills

- The process for conducting quarterly fire drills by documenting the training rather than a “traditional drill” – moving folks together --- will sunset in June.
- Drills should occur quarterly on each shift, at varying times and under varied conditions.
- So back to pre-pandemic status.



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Temporary Walls and Partitions

- Waiver allowed installation of temporary barriers to provide separation and minimize contact during the pandemic.
- Plywood, plastic sheathing and plexiglass
- Evaluate all barriers installed during pandemic and assess for compliance.
- Some will need to be removed, replaced with alternate material that meet standards and codes.
- Already seeing citations related to no wheels on isolation storage carts in the hallway.



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Temporary Walls and Partitions

- Temporary barriers – must be non-combustible materials such as drywall considered.
- Temporary barriers should not impact egress – so evaluate and make changes.
- Plexiglass is a transparent solid thermoplastic that will burn.



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Plexiglass

- Under normal conditions – plexiglass would not be permitted as a barrier or wall finish by LSC.
- This does not limit the use of plexiglass as an accessory or furnishing.
- Allowance of plexiglass barrier on a reception desk or nurses station can remain.



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TNA PCA Transition to CNA

- Transition to CNA before October 6, 2022
- Delays in scheduling training or testing ?
- Email: ldavenport@ihca.org with the details
- Working with ISDH to help resolve concerns and will share the information accordingly



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Q&A

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