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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- Update – Kara Dawson
- Requesting Statewide CMS waiver for NATCEP & IDH Leadership Conference – Suzanne Williams
- Death Reporting Method – Dr Vuppalanchi
- The most frequently asked questions of the week with answers – Lori & Dr. Vuppalanchi
- Phase 2 updates and Phase 3 Survey Guidance – Behavioral Health – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

Equipping Staff: Infection Control Focused Training & Competency Assessments, a webinar on Sept. 20, details [HERE](#)

Changing the Workplace Culture by Increasing our Capacity for Empathy, a webinar on Oct. 5, details [HERE](#)

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Questions of the week

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Old Boosters vs New Bivalent Boosters

- How do I get the “old” booster vaccines?

Everyone has told me they cannot administer the old ones and must administer the bivalent booster vaccine going forward. If I can't get the “old” vaccines --- does this mean that my resident will never be up to date?



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Assisted Living

- Are masks still required in licensed residential / AL facilities?

Answer:

YES



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Reporting Requirements Clarified

- IDOH is requiring Nursing Homes to report what is indicated in F885
- The facility must inform residents, their representatives, and families of those residing in the facility by 5p.m. the next calendar day following the occurrence of either a single confirmed infection of COVID-19, or three or more residents or staff with new-onset of respiratory symptoms occurring within 72 hours of each other



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FYI - Reminders

- Not include personal identifiable information
- Include information on mitigating actions implemented to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including if normal operations of the facility will be altered
- Include any cumulative updates for residents, their representatives, and families at least weekly or by 5 p.m. the next calendar day following the subsequent occurrence of either : each time a confirmed infection of COVID-19 is identified, or whenever three or more residents or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms occur within 72 hours of each other.



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Reporting Requirements Clarified

- **Licensed Residential are required to report:**
- [Notify the health department promptly](#) about any of the following:
 - ≥ 1 residents or HCP with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection
 - Resident with severe respiratory infection resulting in hospitalization or death
 - ≥ 3 residents or HCP with acute illness compatible with COVID-19 with onset within a 72-hour period
- Find the contact information for the [healthcare-associated infections program in your state health department](#), as well as your local health department.
- **Notify HCP, residents, and families promptly about identification of SARS-CoV-2 in the facility and maintain ongoing, frequent communication with HCP, residents, and families with updates on the situation and facility actions.**



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§483.40 Behavioral Health Services Phase 2 Updates and Phase 3 New Guidance

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Overview

F740 - Behavioral Health Services

- Removed reference to Appendix P
- Now reference to Psychosocial Outcome Severity Guide
- Added language related to mental health and substance use disorders



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Overview

F741 - Sufficient Staff, Competent Staff- Behavioral Health Needs

- Removed reference to Appendix P
- Now reference to Psychosocial Outcome Severity Guide
- Added language related to history of trauma and/or post-traumatic stress disorder and language related to mental health and substance use disorders.



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Overview

- Other tags with technical changes that are minimal
- F742
- F743
- F744



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F740 – Behavioral health Services

- Requirements related to mental health disorders and documentation on the PASARR.
- Behavioral contracts section added with list of issues that may be addressed in an agreement.
- Contractual agreements should complement and support resident rights and requirements of participation.
- Added information on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and clarified depression and anxiety disorders.
- Added a severity level 4 example related to mental health needs of a resident with substance use disorder.



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F741 – Sufficient Staff, Competent Staff – Behavioral Health Needs

- Added definitions for trauma, post traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorder.
- Guidance added related to behavioral health care needs of those with substance use disorder or other serious mental disorder should be part of the facility assessment.



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Facility Assessment - §483.70(3) F838
Capacity
Services
Staff skills



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F741 – Sufficient Staff, Competent Staff – Behavioral Health Needs

- Added examples of non-pharmacological interventions specific to residents with mental health or substance use disorders.
- Added example of severity level 2



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Recommended Action:

- Review all policy and procedures related to behavioral health management.
- Review and revise facility assessment to ensure capacity and skill support what you say you can do.
- Ensure there is a process in place on resident assessment for trauma history and/or post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Train staff on current best practices in working with behavioral, mental and substance disorders.
- Conduct an audit to identify residents with behavioral, mental, or substance use disorders to ensure care planed intervention and diagnosis match. – PASSAR included in audit!



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Recommended Action:

- Identify resources – local, state and national
- Review facility assessment and keep it up to date with capacity and skill.
- Review behavioral service contractual agreements to ensure compliance with resident rights and requirements of participation



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Recommended Action:

- ❑ When caring for resident with behavioral, mental and or substance use disorders – ensure new employee orientation and annual training is adequately training and skilling your employees.



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**Q&A
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