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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics

- The Virtual Escape Rooms – Kara Dawson
- Announcements and frequently asked questions answered – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

Bronze Quality Award workshop, free webinars for IHCA members, Nov 2 & 9, details [HERE](#)

Ship-shape Cleaning & Disinfection for the Infection Preventionist, a webinar on Nov. 15, details [HERE](#)

Assisted Living Symposium, an in-person event on Nov. 18, details [HERE](#)



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It's Here! Infection Control Escape Room Kara Dawson, QSource

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Instructions

- Request access to the virtual escape room by clicking on the following link:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ae32ce86af9a4386a198fb3d576a5ea0>
- Complete the form completely and click submit
- Please only use one per facility
- This site uses your provided email address as your username.
- The first time you access the portal, **please use Qsource1! as a temporary password** to login.
- Please ensure you change the password for this special account. You and your staff will use this username and the password you create to access this training.



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Accessing Site

- To access the site, please go to the following URL:
<https://providers.exchange/nhcr/SitePages/Dashboard.aspx>
- If you need to retrieve your password, use the “Forgot Password” link to retrieve your password through your email address
- Enter your email address and a temporary password will be emailed to you.
- Change your password once logged in to the site using the “Change Password” link that is in the drop down menu when you click on your name in the top right corner.
- REMEMBER: Each facility has one username and password that can be utilized by all staff wanting to access the escape room program.



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View on Mobile

Educational Videos Toolkit

<https://resourcehub.exchange/videotoolkit/>



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Thank You
Questions?

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The Last Two Weeks

- Loaded with lots of information and changes
- Lots of questions have come in and continue
- Conferences, fall breaks, illness and life and time away from work.....



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Frequently Asked Questions

- New CDC & CMS Guidance
 - Next week's call will be dedicated to answering your questions.
 - Send questions in advance or ask during the meeting.
 - Benefit of sending your questions before the weekly update can eliminate repeated questions and more time for discussion.
 - Send questions to ldavenport@ihca.org



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Question

- What is the recommendation on communal dining for resident identified as close contact but not required to quarantine?
- Answer: While CDC does not ask for any restriction on communal activities for close contacts, it would serve as an added protection if you distanced them or have them dine in their room or even a separate table. Please make sure you protect your most vulnerable. When a person becomes symptomatic, this becomes a completely different situation. Consider COVID and other respiratory pathogens and isolate a symptomatic person until pathogens are identified and/or ruled out.



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Question

- What if the facility policy was to utilize source control when is location and or quarantine for COVID-19 or other infections and or symptoms -- so masks come off unless the facility has someone in quarantine or isolation, or other controls instituted by the facility. Would this raise concerns?



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Answer:

- I am thinking this is the follow up on “CDC recommends masks in high transmission, but not mandates” you mentioned on the call. If that is the case, I would ask that the facility has considered that flu season is almost upon us, ---
 - Has vaccination been a high priority and timely?
 - How are you protecting the immunocompromised?
 - Have you considered masks for select high risk individuals and provided education for an informed decision?
 - What actions would you take if a respiratory case was identified that would protect all?
 - Flu is anticipated to be severe this season based on Australia having worst flu season in last five years.
 - There is more than COVID-19 to consider, and folks can have more than one infection at the same time or one right after the other. If all masks are coming off, the facility is taking a huge responsibility.



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Question

- Our county health department came in yesterday to do our vaccination clinic. When they got here they were surprised that we were still wearing masks because they weren't anymore and they said other facilities in the county weren't and the hospital also. From what I gathered from the call a few weeks ago and the handout I printed, as long as the county was still HIGH transmission we had to wear them. I have been checking the DATA Tracker bi-weekly and now back to weekly for, well what seems like forever now and we haven't been out of HIGH for over 30 days. I guess I want to confirm that I'm checking the correct place. https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Indiana&data-type=Risk&null=Risk&list_select_county=18137 This is the address I use. I change the drop down from community level to community transmission and it shows RED. I've even watched the time lapse for the last 30 days. It only changes to orange for about 2 days. The rest are red. Staff is getting frustrated with me because they keep hearing about other facilities not wearing them and I keep telling them we have to until we turn at least orange for 2 weeks. Getting frustrated, please help me clarify for them.



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Answer:

- You are on the right link. CDC finally created a direct link for community transmission without the need for the drop down and change to community transmission.
- [CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View](#)
- We have direct links for community level and community transmission on our website under Long-term care section.
- [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Professional Resources \(in.gov\)](#)
- You are protecting your residents by using data driven decisions.



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Q & A

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