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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics



- Domestic violence threat in a nursing home – Tina Estes-Garrett, Regional Director of Operations, Priority Healthcare Group
- CDC Update – Dr Vuppalanchi
- CMS Nursing Home Visitation QSO-20-39-NH
- NHSN Training Announced – Lori Davenport
- Q&A

Designs for Well-rounded Dietary Departments, a webinar on May 23, details [HERE](#)

Mastering the Art & Science of Dementia Care, an in-person workshop on May 25, details [HERE](#)

MDS Updates & Areas of Impact, a webinar on June 8, details [HERE](#)

SNF DON Workshop, an in-person workshop on June 28-29, details [HERE](#)

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Statement from CMS Nursing Home Visitation- COVID-19

- On April 10, 2023, the President signed legislation that ended the COVID-19 national emergency. On May 11, 2023, the COVID-19 public health emergency is expected to expire. While the PHE will end, CMS still expects facilities to adhere to infection prevention and control recommendations in accordance with accepted national standards.
- **QSO-20-39-NH Revised – 5/8/23**
- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>



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Core Principals of COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control

- Provide guidance to visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19 and/or had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Hand hygiene – Alcohol-based hand rub is preferred
- Face covering or mask – CDC guidance
- Post visual alerts at the entrance and other places. Alerts should include instructions about current IPC recommendations (when to use source control



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Core Principals of COVID-19 IPC continued

- Cleaning practices should include frequently touched surfaces and designated visitation areas after each visitation.
- Appropriate staff use of PPE
- Effective cohorting of residents
- Resident and staff testing conducted – following nationally accepted standards



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Visitation

- Non- restricted – indoor and outdoor
- Person-centered
- Privacy
- Visitors should adhere to core principals of infection prevention



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Visitation During Outbreak Investigation

- Single new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff
- Occur in the resident room
- Well-fitting masks
- Limit movement of visitors in the facility during investigation



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Reminders

- CMS encourages but does not mandate offering testing to visitors
- CMS encourages all visitors to stay up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations



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NHSN Training Announced

- NHSN [recently announced](#) updates to the Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Module Surveillance Pathways. NHSN is offering two trainings to discuss the upcoming changes. Each training covers the same information.

Register in advance for either session:

[Thursday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. EST](#)

[Wednesday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. EST](#)

(Click on the date above to register)



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Q&A

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