

**COVID-19 Webinar for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation**

# **Q&A With The Joint Commission**

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# Panel

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# Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?

The screenshot shows the Joint Commission Connect website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, Survey Process, Continuous Compliance, Communication, Resources and Tools, and Security Admin. The 'Resources and Tools' tab is selected. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections: Resources, Tools, and DASH - Data Analytics for Safe Healthcare. The 'Tools' section is highlighted with a yellow background and contains a 'Learn More' link. A red arrow points from this 'Learn More' link to a 'Tools - Learn More' section on the right side of the page. This section contains a paragraph of text and several links to documents, including CAH DOC, HAP DOC, OME DOC, OME DOC:IP Hospice, and NCC DOC.

Accredited organizations can learn more by visiting **Resources and Tools > Tools > Learn More** in their *Joint Commission Connect*® extranet site.

# Pre-Submitted Questions

If there is not a screening requirement, what is recommended, and do you have suggestions on how this can be done efficiently?

Current recommendation <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

Example\* CDC's process for screening prior to entry to their facilities:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/screening/index.html>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

When is COVID testing of patients required?

If it is not required what are the guidelines for pre-surgical\pre-procedural testing?

Examples of how organizations have implemented screening the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation \*: <https://www.apsf.org/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-resource-center/preoperative-covid-testing-examples-from-around-the-u-s/>

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\*Any examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not meant to represent an endorsement.

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How effective is the UV light for destroying SARS-CoV2

FDA UV Lights and Lamps: Ultraviolet-C Radiation, Disinfection, and Coronavirus <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/uv-lights-and-lamps-ultraviolet-c-radiation-disinfection-and-coronavirus#coronavirus>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

In order to improve turnaround time some organizations are having staff clean GI rooms, bring in clean covered scopes and start to set up while the patient is still in the room.

Is this an acceptable practice?

Section 5 Standard Precautions

<https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/core-practices.pdf>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

If you wore a mask and someone develops COVID-19, do you still need to quarantine?

Follow local health authority requirements in the absence of definitive guidance CDC provides guidance for exposures in the community

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html> and exposures within healthcare

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html>



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What is the expectation for fit testing if an organization has staff who need to use respirators because they are performing aerosol generating procedures?

Temporary Enforcement Guidance - Healthcare Respiratory Protection Annual Fit-Testing for N95 Filtering Facepieces During the COVID-19 Outbreak <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-03-14/temporary-enforcement-guidance-healthcare-respiratory-protection-annual-fit>

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How long is the virus suspected to linger in the air and what is recommendation for turnaround time between bringing patients into the same procedure room?

Need to evaluate risk from aerosol generating procedures and determine if use of air exchange table would apply.

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html>

# Ambulatory Care Conference: Live, Virtual Event

**Date:** November 5-6, 2020

**SKU:** EDU2033

**Price:** \$599.00

**URL:** <https://store.jcrinc.com/ambulatory-care-conference-live-virtual-event-november-5-6-2020/>

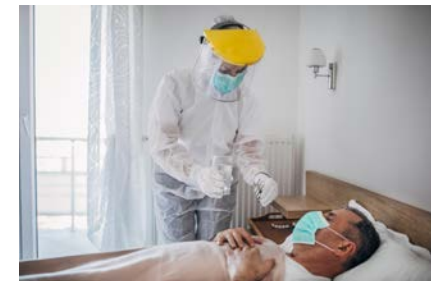


**Who Should Attend?** Any healthcare professional that is accredited by Joint Commission’s accreditation standards related to Ambulatory Care.

**What Will You Learn?** Program agenda listed on the website. One of the topics includes: “Use of Telehealth Medicine During the Pandemic”.

# Thank You

We support your efforts  
in response to the  
COVID-19 pandemic  
and hope to provide  
helpful resources



# Resources

- COVID Resources

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/>

- Standards Interpretation

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/>