

COVID-19 Webinar for Behavioral Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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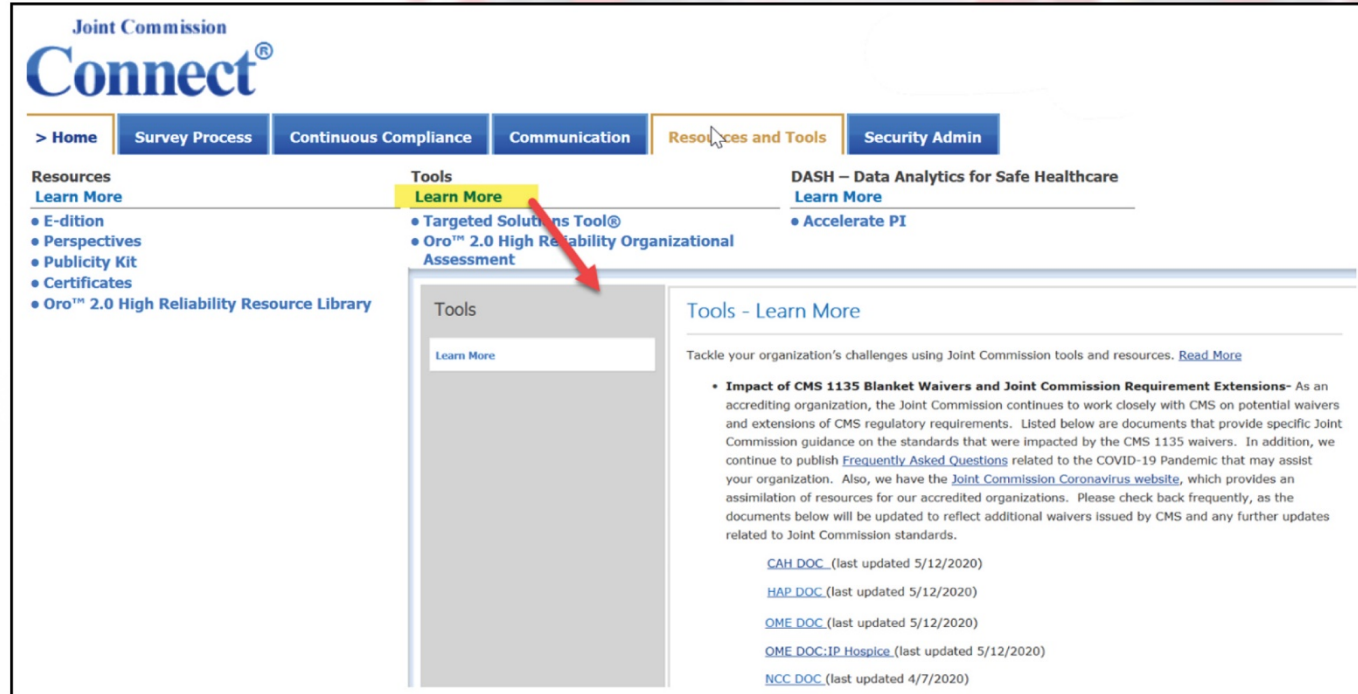
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Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?



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 a red arrow pointing to the 'Learn More' link. The 'Learn More' link is also highlighted in yellow. Below the 'Tools' section, there is a sub-section titled 'Tools - Learn More' which contains a list of documents related to CMS 1135 Waivers, including CAH DOC, HAP DOC, OME DOC, OME DOC: IP Hospice, and NCC DOC, each with a 'last updated' date.

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Behavioral Health Care & Human Services Live Virtual Event

Date: October 28-30, 2020

SKU: EDU2060

Price: \$599.00

URL: <https://store.jcrinc.com/behavioral-health-care-and-human-services-conference-live-virtual-october-28-30-2020/>



Who Should Attend? Any healthcare professional that is accredited by Joint Commission's accreditation standards related to Behavioral Health Care & Human Services.

What Will You Learn? Program agenda and objectives in development TBD on website

– Pre-Submitted Questions

- Is there any special guidance for mental health hospitals in implementation of face coverings, masking, social distancing and hand hygiene?
- CDC Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers (look in the Infection Control section)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html>

– Pre-Submitted Questions

- What sort of mask do inpatient units use for their mental health units? What about wearing masks in the office when people are hard of hearing or patients refuse to wear a mask?
- Podcast on face coverings, mask and respirator use in behavioral health settings is **available:** <https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/news-and-multimedia/podcasts/take-5-preventing-the-spread-of-covid-19-in-behavioral-health-organizations/>

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- Please provide clarification about “high risk exposure” versus “low risk exposure” of staff who are wearing surgical masks when exposed to a Covid positive patient or staff member.
- CDC Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

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- Must aerosol generating treatments be done in a negative pressure room?
- Table B.1. Air changes/hour (ACH) and time required for airborne-contaminant removal by efficiency *
- <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html>

- Pre-Submitted Questions

While CDC has said that we can reuse N-95 respirators as a crisis strategy, face shields are also difficult to get. If they are not labeled as reusable, can we reuse them if they are disinfected between uses? Can they be reused by more than one employee?

CDC Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Eye Protection:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/eye-protection.html>

– Pre-Submitted Questions

Our interpretation of OSHA regulations regarding respirators is that we are required to have a medical evaluation and fit test all staff who must wear them. Can TJC share what they know about the medical evaluation and fit test? Are there situations where these requirements would not apply?

OSHA: Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respiratory Protection Standard

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/3384small-entity-for-respiratory-protection-standard-rev.pdf>

– Pre-Submitted Questions

After testing positive for COVID-19, when is it appropriate for a health care professional to return to the workplace?

CDC Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to COVID-19:

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

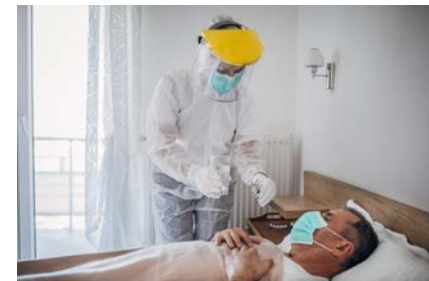
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There have been an increased number of cases where people diagnosed with COVID 19 are medically cleared and deemed no longer contagious but who are still testing positive. Many facilities have policies that require a negative result to return to work.

CDC Guidance: Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers: Patients with Persistent or Recurrent Positive Tests https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control-faq.html#Patients-with-Persistent-or-Recurrent-Positive-Tests

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/>