

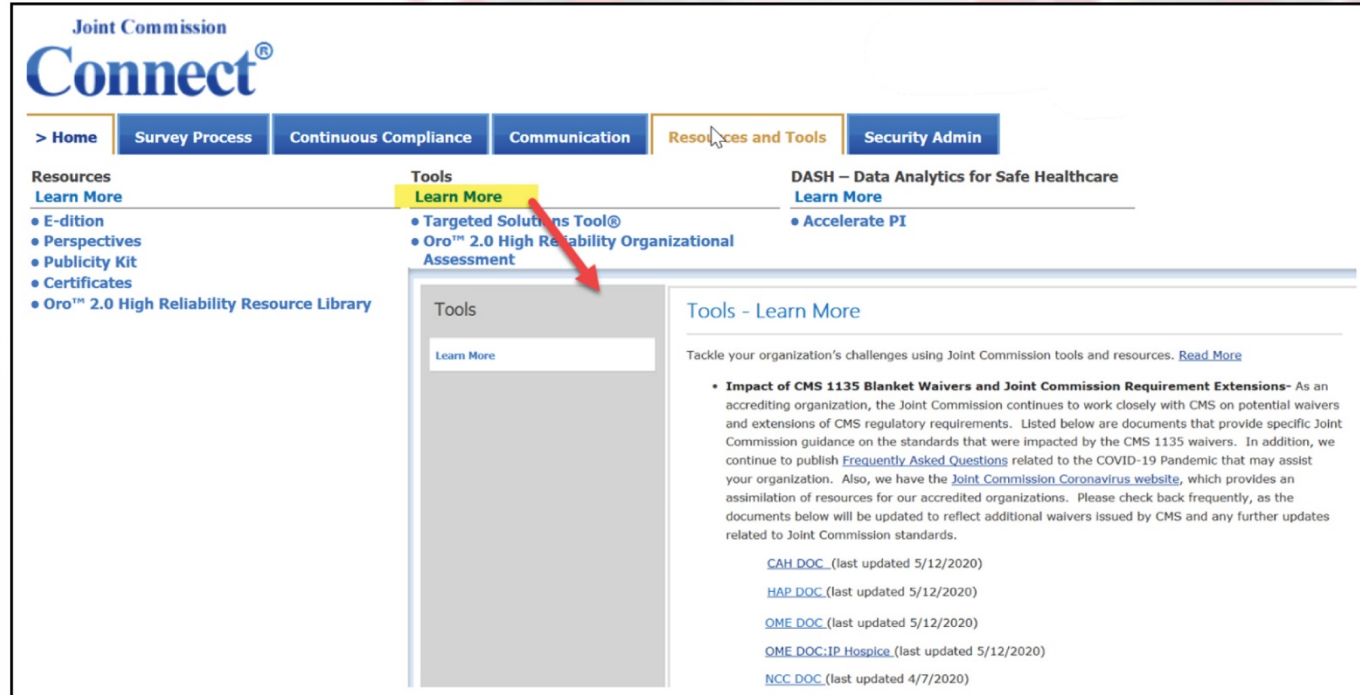
COVID-19 Webinar for Behavioral Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

July 23, 2020



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 (highlighted), and Security Admin. Below the navigation bar, there are three main sections: Resources, Tools, and DASH – Data Analytics for Safe Healthcare. The Resources section includes links for E-dition, Perspectives, Publicity Kit, Certificates, and Oro™ 2.0 High Reliability Resource Library. The Tools section includes a highlighted 'Learn More' link and a list of tools: Targeted Solutions Tool®, Oro™ 2.0 High Reliability Organizational Assessment, and Accelerate PI. A red arrow points from the 'Learn More' link in the Tools section to a 'Tools - Learn More' page. This page contains a 'Tools' sidebar with a 'Learn More' link and a main content area with the following text:

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- **Impact of CMS 1135 Blanket Waivers and Joint Commission Requirement Extensions-** As an accrediting organization, the Joint Commission continues to work closely with CMS on potential waivers and extensions of CMS regulatory requirements. Listed below are documents that provide specific Joint Commission guidance on the standards that were impacted by the CMS 1135 waivers. In addition, we continue to publish [Frequently Asked Questions](#) related to the COVID-19 Pandemic that may assist your organization. Also, we have the [Joint Commission Coronavirus website](#), which provides an assimilation of resources for our accredited organizations. Please check back frequently, as the documents below will be updated to reflect additional waivers issued by CMS and any further updates related to Joint Commission standards.

[CAH DOC](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)
[HAP DOC](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)
[OME DOC](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)
[OME DOC:IP Hospice](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)
[NCC DOC](#) (last updated 4/7/2020)

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

Pre-Submitted Questions

What is the difference between an face covering, and face mask, and a respirator and when should they be used?



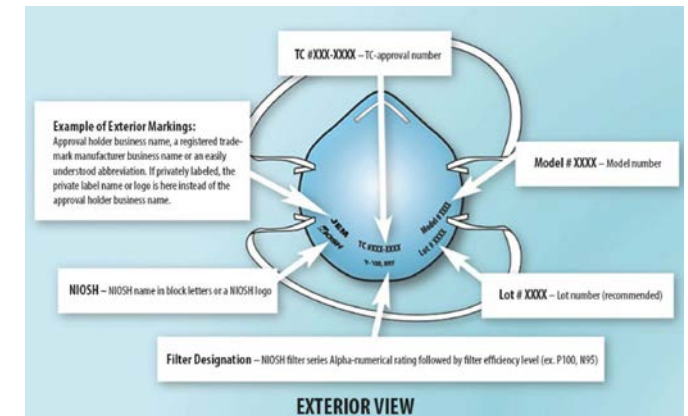
Source: CDC.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>



Source: CDC.

<https://twitter.com/cdcgov/status/1253015214678736898>



Source: CDC.

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/default.html

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Eyes have been shown to be an entryway for COVID transmission. It appears based on the latest CDC update (see below) that goggles are most appropriate vs safety glasses/face shield - what eye protection should be used for potential aerosol generating procedures?

CDC added language that protective eyewear (e.g., safety glasses, trauma glasses) with gaps between glasses and the face likely do not protect eyes from all splashes and sprays.

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

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Do you have different recommendations for treating clients during COVID in rural areas where there isn't a lot of community spread?

CDC Framework: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/community-mitigation.html>

“Individuals need to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and use a cloth face covering (with some exceptions) in community settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. These universal precautions are appropriate regardless of the extent of mitigation needed.”

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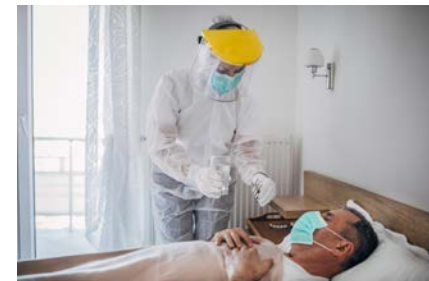
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We support your efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and hope to provide helpful resources



Resources

- COVID Resources

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

- Standards Interpretation

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