

COVID-19 Webinar for Laboratory Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the packaging requirements for shipping specimens for COVID-19 testing?

<https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/sites/phmsa.dot.gov/files/2020-06/UN3373%20COVID%2019%20Safety%20Advisory.pdf>

What will be the focus of survey activities?

- During the opening conference we will have discussion with you about the impact of the current pandemic and your organization's response.
- We will discuss both Infection Control and Emergency Management.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings



Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can take steps to assess and improve their preparedness for responding to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Each facility will need to adapt this checklist to meet its needs and circumstances based on differences among facilities (e.g., patient/resident characteristics, facility size, scope of services, hospital affiliation). This checklist should be used as one tool in developing a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan. Additional information can be found at www.cdc.gov/COVID-19. Information from state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments, emergency management agencies/authorities, and trade organizations should be incorporated into the facility's COVID-19 plan. Comprehensive COVID-19 planning can also help facilities plan for other emergency situations.

This checklist identifies key areas that long-term care facilities should consider in their COVID-19 planning. Long-term care facilities can use this tool to self-assess the strengths and weaknesses of current preparedness efforts. Additional information is provided via links to websites throughout this document. However, it will be necessary to actively obtain information from state, local, tribal, and territorial resources to ensure that the facility's plan complements other community and regional planning efforts. This checklist does not describe mandatory requirements or standards; rather, it highlights important areas to review to prepare for the possibility of residents with COVID-19.

A preparedness checklist for hospitals, including long-term acute care hospitals is available.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hospital-preparedness-checklist.pdf>

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or Persons Under Investigation for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings:

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

Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html>

1. Structure for planning and decision making

- COVID-19 has been incorporated into emergency management planning for the facility.
- A multidisciplinary planning committee or team* has been created to specifically address COVID-19 preparedness planning.

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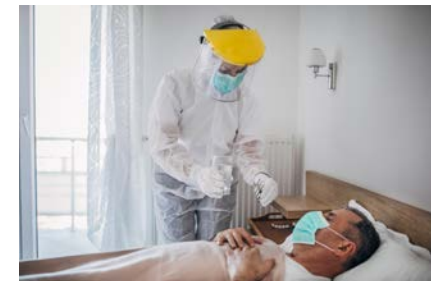


Nursing Care Centers – New Resources Added, June 30, 2020



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/>