

Nursing Care Center Accreditation

# COVID-19 Q & A Webinar

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# Infection Control

# Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the recommendations/guidelines for discontinuing isolation precautions for COVID+ residents including those residents with lingering symptoms?

**Resource:** Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings (Interim Guidance) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

Can healthcare workers provide care for both COVID recovered residents and residents who have never been infected with COVID in the same cohorted assignment?

## **Resources:**

Responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes

Considerations for the Public Health Response to COVID-19 in Nursing Homes

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-responding.html>

COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Guidance April 2, 2020

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/4220-covid-19-long-term-care-facility-guidance.pdf>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

If there is a newly identified case of COVID-19 in a resident or staff member at our facility, do we need to quarantine the facility and if so, for how long?

**Resource:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-testing.html>

# CMS 1135 Waivers

# Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension



The Department of Health and Human Services released a statement on Thursday, 01/07/21 stating the PHE was extended

The renewal effective date is Sunday, 01/31/21 and will last for 90 days ★

This is the fourth extension of the PHE

★ 1135 Waivers will remain in effect during the declared PHE



# Resource for You



## 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 the 'Tools - Learn More' content area. The content area includes a list of documents related to CMS 1135 Waivers, such as CAH DOC, HAP DOC, OME DOC, OME DOC-IP Hospice, and NCC DOC, each with a 'last updated' date.

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



# More Questions and Answers

# Resources

- COVID Resources

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

- Standards Interpretation

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

# Thank You

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

