

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

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

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# Infection Control Practices

# Pre-Submitted Questions

Do healthcare workers need to wear a mask at all times while in the healthcare facility?

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Healthcare Facilities: Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-hcf.html#outpatient-ambulatory>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

What type of mask should clinical staff wear if a patient phone screen for COVID-19 was completed and then they were screened again for COVID-19 prior to entry along with a temperature check?

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Healthcare Facilities: Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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# Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the Personal Protective Equipment requirements for aerosol vs. non-aerosol dental procedures?

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

Covid-19 Guidance for Dental Settings

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

What PPE should staff wear in COVID testing centers and COVID vaccine clinics?

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Training

<https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/SHVA/30010.asp>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

Can we extend the use of isolation gowns when performing COVID testing?

Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Isolation Gowns

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



# Pre-Submitted Questions

Do organizations need to perform another N95 mask fit test for all individuals that were previously fit tested in 2020?

## **OSHA Temporary Guidance Enforcement**

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-03-14/temporary-enforcement-guidance-healthcare-respiratory-protection-annual-fit>

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-08/expanded-temporary-enforcement-guidance-respiratory-protection-fit-testing-n95>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

## What are the biggest concerns when reusing N95 respirators?

Implementing Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) Reuse, Including Reuse after Decontamination, When There Are Known Shortages of N95 Respirators

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/decontamination-reuse-respirators.html>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

In what departments can KN95 masks be used?  
Are they excluded from use in the Operating Room?

**CDC Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirators-strategy/index.html>

**FDA Personal Protective Equipment EUAs**

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-euas>

# Pre-Submitted Questions

**How should face shields be stored for reuse and what is the maximum number of uses?**

Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Eye Protection

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

# Pre-Submitted Questions

How do we properly don/doff PPE when radiology shields are needed?

Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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

# Pre-Submitted Questions

How do I dispose of PPE that was worn for the care of a COVID patient if it is not visibly soiled?

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

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

# Pre-Submitted Questions

**Are there any tips for enforcing social distancing during staff lunch breaks?**

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

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

# Pre-Submitted Questions

Are there any Infection Control issues for healthcare workers with long facial hair?

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

Respiratory Protection

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134>



# Environment of Care and Life Safety

# Pre-Submitted Questions

Do you have any helpful resources for a COVID-19 Functional Exercise Evaluation?

## **Resources:**

<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/MasterSearch?qt=drill+evaluations&limit=20&page=1>

<https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/Homeland-Security-Exercise-and-Evaluation-Program-Doctrine-2020-Revision-2-2-25.pdf> HSEEP

# CMS 1135 Waivers

# Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension

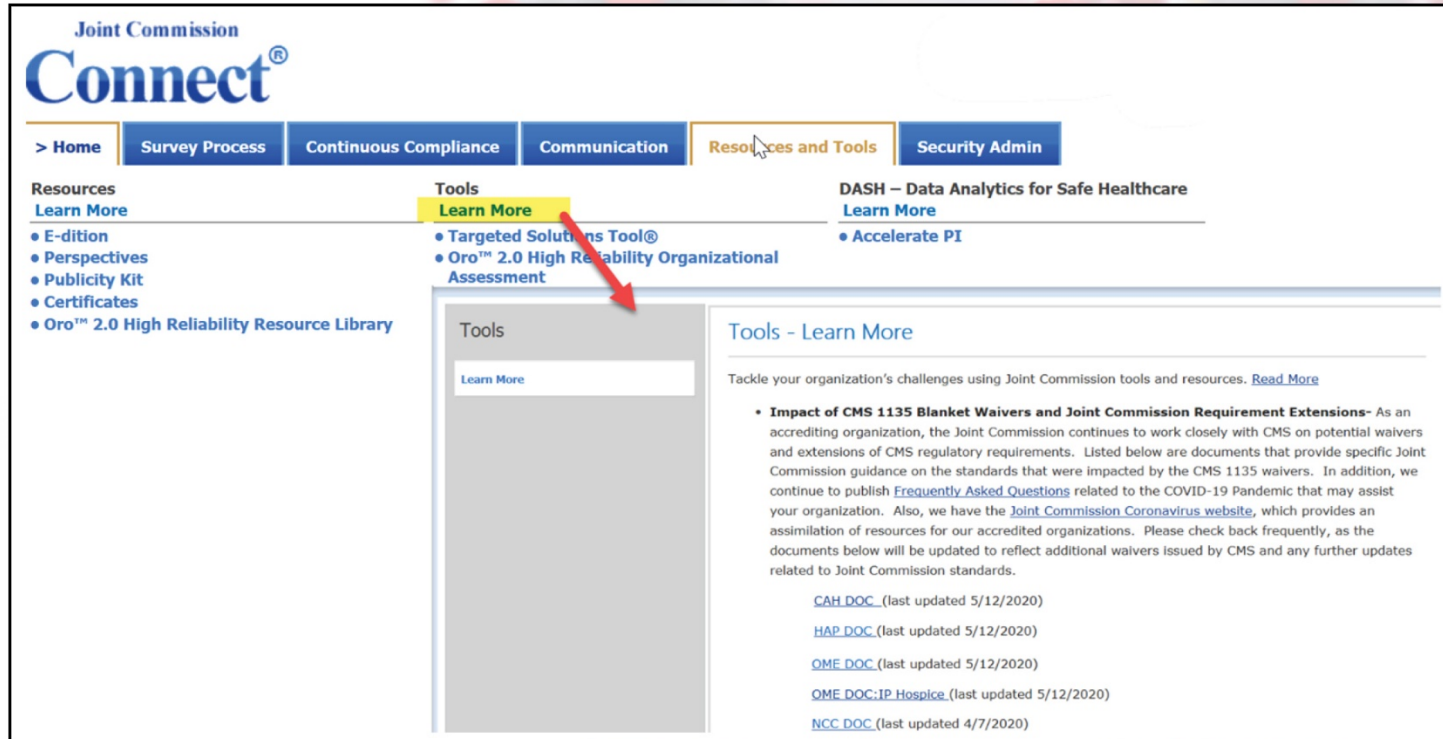
The Department of Health and Human Services released a statement on Thursday, 01/07/21 stating the PHE was extended

The renewal effective date is Thursday 01/21/21 and will last for 90 days

This is the fourth extension of the PHE

★ 1135 Waivers will remain in effect during the declared PHE

# Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?



The screenshot shows the Joint Commission Connect website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Survey Process, Continuous Compliance, Communication, Resources and Tools, and Security Admin. The Resources and Tools menu is expanded, showing sub-menus for Resources, Tools, and DASH – Data Analytics for Safe Healthcare. The Tools sub-menu is highlighted, and a red arrow points to the 'Learn More' link under the 'Tools' sub-menu. The main content area displays the 'Tools - Learn More' page, which includes a section titled 'Impact of CMS 1135 Blanket Waivers and Joint Commission Requirement Extensions' and a list of documents with their last updated dates.

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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.

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[HAP.DOC](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)

[OME.DOC](#) (last updated 5/12/2020)

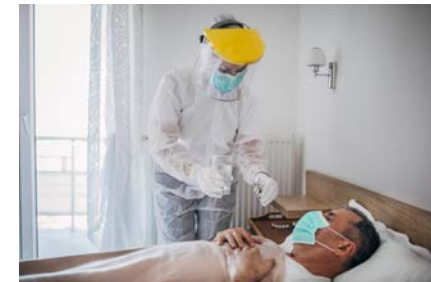
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[NCC.DOC](#) (last updated 4/7/2020)

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# 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/>