

**COVID-19 Webinar for Nursing Care Center Accreditation**

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

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# Topic for Today

Today's webinar will be focused solely on the nursing care center accreditation program related questions as they relate to COVID-19 and The Joint Commission.

For questions related to other accreditation or certification programs, please join us for those webinars.

# CMS 1135 Waivers

# Public Health Emergency (PHE) Extension



The Department of Health and Human Services released a statement on Friday, 10/02/20 stating the PHE was extended

The renewal effective date is Friday, 10/23/20 and will last for 90 days ★

This is the third extension of the PHE

★ 1135 Waivers will remain in effect during the declared PHE

# Pre-Submitted Questions



## 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 in orange), 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 links for Targeted Solutions Tool®, Oro™ 2.0 High Reliability Organizational Assessment, and Accelerate PI. A red arrow points to the 'Learn More' link under the Tools section. The main content area displays the 'Tools - Learn More' page, which includes a 'Learn More' button and a detailed text block about the impact of CMS 1135 Blanket Waivers and Joint Commission Requirement Extensions. The text block lists several documents: 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), and 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.



# Infection Control

# Pre-Submitted Questions

When accepting a resident from the hospital we request a negative COVID test. Is there a timeframe as to how many days prior to discharge the test is good for? 3 days, 14 days, 20 days?

CMS: QSO-20-38-NH (Aug 26, 2020) ...Testing Requirements and Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>



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If you are working at another organization with the same infection control policies in place, do we need to quarantine/isolate for 14 days if we are exposed to a person with COVID? or is quarantine\isolation not needed?

Resource: CDC Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to COVID-19 (Updated October 21, 2020) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

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We are concerned about not allowing family visits, there are social needs that can only be fulfilled through family visits. Are there policies or best practices for controlled visits during the COVID-19?

What resources are available to our elderly on to how to prevent social isolation?

CMS Resource: QSO-20-39-NH (**September 17, 2020**):  
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>

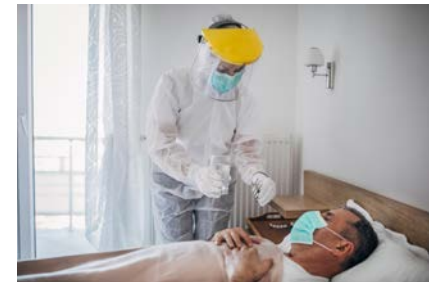
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How are\should organizations handling COVID-19 positive patients?

Resource: CMS Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes (**October 2020** Version 12) <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-toolkit-states-mitigate-covid-19-nursing-homes.pdf>

# 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/>