COVID-19 Webinar for Behavioral Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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COVID-19 resources

What Your Organization Needs to Know About the Coronavirus

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Behavioral Health Care & Human Services
Live Virtual Event

Date: October 28-30, 2020
SKU: EDU2060
Price: $599.00

Who Should Attend? Any healthcare professional that is accredited by Joint Commission’s accreditation standards related to Behavioral Health Care & Human Services.

What Will You Learn? Program agenda and objectives in development TBD on website
- Pre-Submitted Questions

- Is there any special guidance for mental health hospitals in implementation of face coverings, masking, social distancing and hand hygiene?

- CDC Clinical Questions about COVID-19: Questions and Answers (look in the Infection Control section)
- Pre-Submitted Questions

- What sort of mask do inpatient units use for their mental health units? What about wearing masks in the office when people are hard of hearing or patients refuse to wear a mask?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Please provide clarification about “high risk exposure” versus “low risk exposure” of staff who are wearing surgical masks when exposed to a Covid positive patient or staff member.

– Pre-Submitted Questions

– Must aerosol generating treatments be done in a negative pressure room?

– Table B.1. Air changes/hour (ACH) and time required for airborne-contaminant removal by efficiency *

– https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html
Pre-Submitted Questions

While CDC has said that we can reuse N-95 respirators as a crisis strategy, face shields are also difficult to get. If they are not labeled as reusable, can we reuse them if they are disinfected between uses? Can they be reused by more than one employee?

CDC Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Eye Protection:
Pre-Submitted Questions

Our interpretation of OSHA regulations regarding respirators is that we are required to have a medical evaluation and fit test all staff who must wear them. Can TJC share what they know about the medical evaluation and fit test? Are there situations where these requirements would not apply?

OSHA: Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respiratory Protection Standard
After testing positive for COVID-19, when is it appropriate for a health care professional to return to the workplace?

– Pre-Submitted Questions

There have been an increased number of cases where people diagnosed with COVID-19 are medically cleared and deemed no longer contagious but who are still testing positive. Many facilities have policies that require a negative result to return to work.

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/