Today’s webinar will be focused solely on the hospital 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?

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

We are using alcohol-based hand rubs made by local distilleries due to product shortages. The bottles do not have expiration dates on them. When should we discard them? Is the lack of expiration dates a compliance issue?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Is there a recommendation to intubate and extubate in negative pressure and then transfer to a positive pressure OR? Do we need to perform surgery on patients who are at risk for COVID in a negative pressure OR?

Resources: CDC FAQs, last updated 11/18/2020: During the COVID Pandemic are there any special considerations for surgical and other procedural care settings...  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html

Pre-Submitted Questions

Are there specific requirements related to allowing visitation in the hospital when there is high community transmission?

Resources: CMS
We have a large clean storage room with covered, clean patient supplies. Can other items be stored in the room if there is separation and clean patient supplies are covered?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Please discuss the 90% vaccination goal.
If you are not able to achieve 90% and document reason for refusal will this result in finding or be acceptable?

Resource: The Joint Commission Pre-publication Standards
https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/prepublication-standards/deletion-of-ic-02-04-01-ep5/#:~:text=02.04.-%2001%2C%20EP%205,has%20chosen%20to%20eliminate%20IC
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/