COVID-19 Webinar for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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Today’s Panel

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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
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

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

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

FDA 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
Pre-Submitted Questions

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

Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
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
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

Pre-Submitted Questions

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

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration**
Respiratory Protection

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

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?

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