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
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.
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?

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?

Pre-Submitted Questions

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?

Pre-Submitted Questions

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

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/