

LeadingAge Michigan Safe and Calm Webinar Q&A – June 26, 2020



Did Governor Sign 690
No, she has not
Do you feel that Senate Bill for Regional Hubs would be signed by the Governor
No, it is likely to be passed by the senate and house but not signed by the governor
What is the payment process with the \$2 payment to staff? When/how will the facilities get the money?
There is currently no process in place. It is up to the department to determine how these funds will be distributed.
Has there been any update on extending the testing mandate past July 3rd?
We fully expect that the Governor will continue the requirement for testing for the next several weeks. Currently, when cases in a community drop to a low risk level, weekly testing is only required if there is a positive COVID case in the facility. So the system itself is self-limiting to some degree. With the recent increase in community transmission in Michigan and elsewhere, we anticipate that testing will continue for quite a while.
That bar is now up to over 50 cases. Do we think this means she is going to extend EO2020-108. Or can we anticipate MDHHS putting out some guidance today allowing it?
Do you believe that the Governor will have another EO to extend the restrictions?
We did expect the Governor to extend the restrictions in general, but were hoping for some tweaks to make it a bit more comfortable for seniors. In the call with MDHHS on Friday following this webinar, they made it clear that they will not OPEN visitation, not even for outdoor visits, and the ruling still covers all residential type communities – including independent living. What they have stated is that they will soften a few restrictions based on some of the recent CMS FAQ on visitation and will be putting out guidance during the week of 6/29.
At this time is HFA reporting any COVID data and if so – who to contact if access to portal has not been approved.
All HFAs and AFCs are required to report COVID data using Survey Gizmo. The memo that outlines the requirements is linked here .
What is the implication of EO2020-108 being tied to the emergency order that MDHHS put out about testing and reporting? Will it stand?
We do not expect any changes to the testing requirements at this time. However, MDHHS has issued several guidance on Thursday, June 28 and we will be reviewing those during our Wednesday Webinar.

What is the source on the seven day rolling average charts?

The Michigan caseload and death charts are created by LeadingAge Michigan, by calculating the seven day average based on daily reported data. They are updated several times per week and can be viewed at <https://www.leadingagemi.org/page/COVID-19>

Right now the public can wear homemade masks, can we expect this will be okay for our families that visit or will we need to provide them a surgical mask?

CDC Guidance includes the use of cloth masks for residents and visitors, but not for health care personal. See [Guidance](#) below. (Note also that there is no allowed visitation yet in Michigan residential care facilities.)

Implement Universal Source Control Measures

Source control refers to use of [cloth face coverings](#) or facemasks to cover a person’s mouth and nose to prevent spread of respiratory secretions when they are talking, sneezing, or coughing. Because of the potential for asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission, source control measures are recommended for everyone in a healthcare facility, even if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19.

- Patients and visitors should, ideally, wear their own cloth face covering (if tolerated) upon arrival to and throughout their stay in the facility. If they do not have a face covering, they should be offered a facemask or cloth face covering, as supplies allow.
 - Patients may remove their cloth face covering when in their rooms but should put it back on when around others (e.g., when visitors enter their room) or leaving their room.
 - Facemasks and cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- HCP should wear a facemask at all times while they are in the healthcare facility, **including in breakrooms or other spaces where they might encounter co-workers.**
 - When available, facemasks are preferred over cloth face coverings for HCP as facemasks offer both source control and protection for the wearer against exposure to splashes and sprays of infectious material from others.
 - Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn instead of a respirator or facemask if more than source control is needed.

Has the state come up with how to pay for all the testing requirements?

The State issued its guidance on funding testing late last week. Please review the Friday member update for a complete set of MDHHS documents on testing. We will be reviewing this on our Wednesday, July 1 webinar.

Resources and References

Guidance on visitation and individuals entering and leaving nursing homes (March 13, 2020)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-14-nh-revised.pdf>

Prioritization of Survey Activities (March 23, 2020)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-20-all.pdf>

COVID-19 Guidance to State and local governments, and nursing homes (April 2, 2020)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/4220-covid-19-long-term-care-facility-guidance.pdf>

Waivers of Federal Requirements, including telehealth and cohorting (June 25, 2020)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf>

[QSO 20-34- NH](#)

[QSO 20-30-NH](#)

CMS Visitation FAQs

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-visitation-nursing-home-residents.pdf>

QSO 20-28 NH FAQs: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-28-nh.pdf>

CDC Guidance for supporting loved ones in a LTCF:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/supporting-loved-one-in-long-term-care-facility.pdf>

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