



Safe and Calm Webinar 5/6/2020 Q&A Summary and Links

5/5/2020 Webinar Q&A	
Do we need a notary? Our notary is off site now	
There is an EO that addresses notary capability. Thanks Barb Giles!	
I enrolled Friday and Monday and did not have to provide notarized identification verification for enrolling in COVID 19 reporting only.	
We signed up for COVID only and did not need a notary	
I got the automatic response that (notary) will be requested, but my access is there already on the reporting portal.	
<i>Comment: The Governor re-issued the electronic notary process under EO 2020-74. If you do not have access to a notary, Dykema Gossett may be able to help as our firm has established a process that complies with the EO (Phyllis Adams)</i>	
<i>Thank you Phyllis!!!</i>	
Has there been any discussion regarding having a corporate entity reporting for multiple nursing homes owned by the corporation so the process could be centralized? I have seen nothing.	
Yes, the NHSN system does allow for group enrollment. The webpage that describes enrollment process and group options is https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/covid19/index.html Scroll toward the end to GROUP RESOURCES.	
What if we did not get Beth Nagel's email yesterday?	
What survey is due tomorrow?	
Immediately after the webinar, we sent the link to the MDHHS Survey from Beth Nagel to all participants and the SNF listserv. Please note that you may have to use an updated browser to open. Responses are due by end of day 5/7/2020.	
What about employees who call off due to general cold symptoms/allergy symptoms but no fever. Do they need to stay off for ten days at least even if not COVID symptoms?	
The guidelines states that employees with symptoms of a respiratory infection must self-isolate at home. Persons with ongoing or consistent allergy symptoms would not meet that criteria unless they had increasing or different symptoms. Facilities are encouraged to use their clinical team/medical director to ensure that persons who appear infectious are not allowed in the building.	
Can you send us a link to the CDC QA call?	
Sent immediately after the webinar.	
We have residents and staff testing positive 30 days out. The biggest health department we work with is using test based and will not release anyone without two negative tests	
This has been a problem and we have discussed this with MDHHS. We will continue to do so, and also suggest that facilities with such dilemmas contact the state health department for assistance.	
In reading the information from CDC on enrollment, LTCF is listed to include Assisted Living. Are ALs expected to report at this time?	
These reporting requirements are only for SNF, right?	
NHSN is set up to receive data from assisted living as well as other provider types. However, there is no requirement for that under the CDC guidance, and Michigan is not requiring that for assisted living level facilities at this time. Other states may require reporting. AFC/HFA and unlicensed AL can anticipate however that the state will be requiring some reporting in the future.	

I just got a letter from the ombudsman stating that families can come to facilities and visit through windows. How are places handling this?

Where I have experienced this, they are required to keep the window closed and talk through a phone

Doesn't visiting a facility go against the stay at home order that is in place until 5/15.

Many facilities are allowing visitation through windows, some are using phones and some are using signs to communicate. And yes, it could be violating the stay at home order. We suggest facilities look at this on a case by case basis.

According to the CDC if staff wear masks and eye protection considered low risk and if they have contact with an asymptomatic person that tests positive they can self-monitor versus taking staff off for 14 day quarantine. Is this correct?

Yes. Part of the plan for mitigating staff shortages is to allow such persons to work in the facility as long as they do not develop symptoms, test positive, and use appropriate PPE.

Can facilities still visit under compassionate care?

Yes, although the guidance from the BCHS for licensed assisted living settings differs from CMS (SNF) guidance on visitation. CMS suggests looking at each case, work with the families, and identify when it may be appropriate to allow a visit. They focus on whether the resident has experienced a sharp decline, and not solely on whether or not they are hospice. BCHS however has identified that all hospice residents are allowed such visits – at least for now. Note that regardless of the resident status, no visitor should be allowed in the facility if they have signs/symptoms of a respiratory infection

Links from Today's Webinar

CMS Interim Rule 5/1/2020 : <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2020-09608.pdf>

CMS Interim Rule: SNF pages only:

[CDC Pathway form for Resident Impact and Facility Capacity / instructions](#)

[CDC Pathway form for Staff and Personnel Impact / instructions](#)

[CDC Pathway form for Supplies and PPE / instructions](#)

[CDC Pathway form for Ventilators / instructions](#)

Overview and Enrollment [Information](#)

Recent Select Executive Orders

[2020-69](#): Continues restrictions for gathering in public places 5/28/2020

[2020-70](#): Continues stay at home orders through 5/15/2020

[2020-72](#): Health care visitation restrictions through 5/31/2020

MDHHS Emergency Order

[Handing of Bodily Remains](#) – 5/4/2020

CDC Updates

[COVID Symptoms](#)

[Return to Work and Discontinuation of Transmission Based Precautions Criteria](#)

[LeadingAge Michigan Return to Work Tool](#)

[Specimen Collection Update](#)

[Nursing Home Considerations](#)

[Coronavirus Testing and Updates for PPE Use During Collection](#)

[Work Place Reopening Guidance](#)

CDC Staff Training Programs

[Sparkling Surfaces](#)

[Clean Hands](#)

[Closely Monitor Residents](#)

[Keep COVID-19 Out!](#)

[PPE Lessons](#)

[New Federal 1135 Blanket Waivers](#)

[Updated AFC/HFA FAQs](#)