

4/29/2020 Safe and Calm Wednesday Webinar

Questions/Answers/Links

Is there any update on the specific reporting guidelines to the CDC? The guidance was supposed to be out more than a week ago.
We have not received any notifications about the anticipated reporting guidance for nursing homes to the CDC. We have heard that they are attempting to coordinate the reporting details with other requirements.
Our local health department started requesting this updated information last week and now MSP is calling and asking for information. Were you aware of this?
We had not heard that the Michigan State Police were also requesting information, but they are a large part of the coordination effort during the pandemic, so it is not a surprise.
Will the DCW \$2 per hour extra pay for all staff in a building regardless of whether that building has 1% Medicaid residents or 99% Medicaid residents? Any proration bases on relative Medicaid occupancy?
The pay increase was really intended to focus on in-home staff under these Medicaid programs – MI Choice, MI Health Link, Adult Home Help, and behavioral health. Since some of these programs serve beneficiaries in residential settings, we hear that they may also receive some of this additional funding for DCW salaries. However, we anticipate that the Department will not provide increased wages for staff serving other residents, so we believe they will come up with some sort of formula.
Do you have to inform regarding COVID affected resident if the resident is out and at hospital?
If the resident was in your facility within 14 days of the diagnosis, yes you should probably report. At least one of the goals of reporting is to measure spread and if the resident was in your facility during the incubation period, you should report.
My LHD has said I should not report q24 hours and is calling me 2x a week. Do you recommended other action?
The Executive Order requirements specify daily reporting, and as such we advise you stick to that. Also, when MDHHS starts looking at AFC/HFA data daily, we believe they will also expect daily reporting as is currently required for nursing homes.

Did LAMI issue info on Next Gen regarding testing? If yes, can you please resend.
Yes, we will include information below.
CDC added new signs and symptoms of COVID to their website. Are we supposed to add these new symptoms to our screening tool?
There has been no direct guidance from either CDC or CMS to update the screening criteria, but it certainly would be appropriate to do so.
Regarding communal dining, we interpreted this as no communal dining even with social distancing in 2020-50. Do you think the same is true for programming, permitted with social distancing, we have been keeping everyone in their apartments.
Right now, social distancing in the dining room is only allowable for nursing homes under CMS rules. The Bureau is interpreting the requirement to stop communal dining literally, and so until further guidance comes out, AFCs and HFAs must suspend all communal dining. And of course all group activities as well.
Are the iPRAT teams only looking at Nursing Homes?
Currently, they are looking at nursing homes and in recent discussions with MDHHS it was stated that they might look at other provider types but not at this point.
Is there any dates given when they will implement HFA, AFC and Assisted Living?
Not that has been reported.
Are Home for the Aged required to report supplies and if so how do we gain access to the EM Resource database?
Currently the requirement initially included in EO 2020-50 for HFAs and AFCs to also report cases and PPE is on hold.
When you refer to testing are you talking about nasal swab tests?
To my understanding, the testing data does not distinguish the kind of tests used.
What are the thoughts on the IgG and IgM tests?
This is not my area of expertise and we will look to other resources for an understanding of these tests.

Today's Handouts and Links

Michigan Executive Order 2020-50
MDHHS Emergency Order
MDHHS L 20-24
MDHHS L 20-25
PPP and Health Care Enhancement Act <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Summary• Fact Sheet• How to Apply
AFC/HFA FAQs – 4/21/2020
Michigan Executive Order 2020-61
Michigan Executive Order 2020-59
Michigan Executive Order 2020-37
CMS QSO 20-28 NH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDC Sample Letter• CMP funds
Guidance on visitation and individuals entering and leaving nursing homes (March 13, 2020)
Prioritization of Survey Activities (March 23, 2020)
COVID-19 Guidance to State and local governments, and nursing homes (April 2, 2020)
Waivers of Federal Requirements, including telehealth and cohorting (updated regularly)

NextGen Information

[Request for Information Form](#)

[MDHHS Informational Letter about NextGen](#)