



**COVID-19 Question and Answer Session  
for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential  
Settings**

June 26, 2020

# Housekeeping

- All attendees in listen-only mode
- Submit questions via Q&A pod to **All Panelists**
  - Any other comments, feedback, suggestions for future topics, etc, please submit via chat
- Slides and recording will be made available later

# Agenda

- Upcoming webinars
- Testing in Long Term Care
- Outdoor visitation
- FAQ
- Open Q & A

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# IDPH webinars

## Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A (1-2 pm):

July 2nd 1:00 to 2:00 pm (Thursday webinar due to Friday holiday)

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e37484d2d518d2db53a5ffd7884e09787>

July 10th Friday 1:00 to 2:00 pm

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0b8a10aae7823798f5fa78bcb0c585ec>

July 17th Friday 1:00 to 2:00 pm

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1412e4e4f1c6f204713c41dff05b0faa>

July 22nd (Wednesday) 1:00 to 2:00 pm

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=eaf69b9029b976659b9a6800f2fc65808>

July 31st Friday 1:00 to 2:00 pm

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=ef3d3c21f3c32f5a1e972ed616bd5eb0c>

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# LTC Testing Resources

- **New IDPH LTC testing website!**  
<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/long-term-care-covid-19-testing-requirements>
- **LTC webinar recording from 6/4:**  
<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/lsr.php?RCID=38ad03f820f549c5a485d2e50de35366>
- **LTC testing mailbox:** [dph.ltctesting@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.ltctesting@illinois.gov)

# IDPH Outdoor Visitation Guidance

Guidance document can be found on the IDPH web portal:

## Long Term Care Setting

### Cases and Guidance

- [IDPH: Outdoor Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities 06192020](#)



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## Outdoor Visitation Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities

[https://dph.partner.illinois.gov/communities/communicabledisease/CDAZ/Documents/Coronavirus/20200619 IDPH LTC Visitation Guidanc.pdf](https://dph.partner.illinois.gov/communities/communicabledisease/CDAZ/Documents/Coronavirus/20200619_IDPH_LTC_Visitation_Guidanc.pdf)



# IDPH Outdoor Visitation Guidance

- Long-term care facilities may allow outdoor visitation when certain conditions are met:
  - Limited to two visitors at a time per resident
    - Age limits (if any), are to be determined by the facility
  - Maximum number of residents and visitors in the outdoor space at one time is predicated on the size of the outdoor space
    - Must be able to ensure that a minimum six foot distancing between resident and visitor is achievable in the outdoor space when determining the maximum number of residents and visitors who can simultaneously occupy the outdoor space
  - LTCF must clearly communicate and enforce social distancing of six feet between residents and all visitors
  - The facility must set the maximum number of visitors allowed in a single day

# IDPH Outdoor Visitation Guidance

- Visitation must be scheduled ahead of time with facility
  - Visitors pre-screened via phone with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) symptom checklist not more than 24 hours in advance
- Facility must also screen visitors on arrival with symptom checklist and temperature check
- Visitors displaying symptoms should not visit the facility
- Resident receiving visitors should also be screened with the CDC symptom checklist prior to visitor's arrival
- Residents with active COVID-19 infection, either laboratory confirmed or symptomatic, are not allowed to participate in outdoor visitors



# IDPH Outdoor Visitation Guidance

- Visits must be limited to outdoor areas only
  - However, they may take place under a canopy or tent without walls
- Outdoor spaces must have separate ingress and egress which does not require visitors to enter the LTCF building
- Visitors must not enter the facility at any time during their visit
- For the duration of the visit, the resident and visitors must wear a face covering
- The facility may set the time duration of each visit
- The facility should have staff supervision during each visit to ensure the use of face covering and social distancing
- The facility may determine whether supervision is continuous or intermittent

# FAQ from last week

- Q: Did you ever receive a response from Quest Lab regarding testing at stand alone AL's without a medical director or designated provider?
  - A: The facilities that don't have a MD can still be set up. However, in order for Quest to bill insurance, we still need to have an ordering provider so the facility would have to write in the name/NPI of the primary physician on each order form, otherwise, the bill would go to the facility.

# FAQ from last week

- Q: 300.696 a) " A copy of the facility's infection control policies and procedures shall be provided to the resident and the resident's family or representative. Infection control policies and procedures shall be maintained in the facility and made available upon request to the Department, the Department's agent or the local health authority." Does this mean facilities must have it available if requested or actively distribute?
  - A: Legal team are amending the language to help clarify

# FAQ from last week

- Q: If a residents leaves regularly for scheduled dialysis appointments, do they need to be on TBP for 14 days after?
  - A: Residents going off-site for dialysis or other appointments should wear a cloth face covering (or facemask) for source control when they leave the LTCF and in the LTCF when they are leaving their room, implement social distancing measures, and regularly communicate between dialysis facilities/medical offices where appointments occur and the LTCFs (in both directions) to help identify patients with fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 before they enter the facilities and facilitate resident's care.
  - A: Upon return, the facility should assess whether the resident was able to maintain necessary infection prevention measures while out of the building. Some LTCFs have opted to manage residents who go off-site for hemodialysis as potentially exposed and use full Transmission-Based Precautions and/or have cohorted these residents together into the same area of the building. In these examples, it is very important to ensure the residents receiving hemodialysis, who may be at increased risk of acquiring COVID-19, are NOT being placed into a dedicated COVID-19 unit or with others who are symptomatic/have increased risk of having COVID-19.
  - A: The decision to place the resident into TBP upon return is a facility decision.
  - A: LTCFs should comply with the infection prevention and control guidance for nursing homes and LTCFs.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

# FAQ from last week

- Q: Are there any reporting requirements for negative tests? I've heard that we are supposed to report the number of tests conducted and their results.

# Open Q&A

Submit questions via Q&A pod to **All Panelists**

Submit suggestions for future topics, LTCFs best practices, lessons learned via Chat pod to **All Panelists**

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# Reminder: SIREN Registration

To receive situational awareness from IDPH, please use this link to guide you to the correct registration instructions for your public health related classification:  
<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren>