



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

**May 14<sup>th</sup> , 2021**

# Housekeeping

- All attendees in listen-only mode
- Submit questions via Q&A pod to **All Panelists**
- Slides and recording will be made available later

# Agenda

- Upcoming Webinars
- Extension of BinaxNOW Expiration Dates
- COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for LTC Facilities and ICFs-IID
- NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Requirement
- Long Term Care Guidance for COVID-19
- Open Q & A

Slides and recording will be made available after the session.

# IDPH webinars

## Upcoming Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Friday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e986e5d36dbc9013c174b0d40ed2f0f4b">https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e986e5d36dbc9013c174b0d40ed2f0f4b</a>
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Previously recorded webinars can be viewed on the [IDPH Portal](#)

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# Additional Extension of BinaxNOW Expiration Dates



## BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card Product Expiry Update

May 2021

Dear Valued Customer:

Since the launch of the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card, Abbott has continued testing for product stability to extend the expiration date and have shared these results with the FDA. Testing has been completed to support a shelf-life (expiration date) of up to 12 months. **This letter is to notify you the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card, part number 195-000, in your possession may now have a longer than labeled product expiry date.** All BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Cards currently have a twelve-month expiry date. This letter has been revised since the version dated March 2021 with additional lots and revised expiry dates.

A listing of BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card lots, part number 195-000, which qualify for this expiry extension, can be found in Attachment 1. These lots were originally dated with an expiry of 6 or 9 months. The attachment lists the lot number, currently labeled kit expiry and new kit expiry date.

Attachment 1 - BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card lots with extended expiry

Lot Number	Original Expiry	12 Month Expiry
124008	7-Feb-21	7-Aug-21
124073	8-Feb-21	8-Aug-21
124199	10-Feb-21	10-Aug-21
124380	11-Feb-21	11-Aug-21
124410	12-Feb-21	12-Aug-21
124462	14-Feb-21	14-Aug-21
124557	16-Feb-21	16-Aug-21
124569	18-Feb-21	18-Aug-21
124743	21-Feb-21	21-Aug-21
124858	21-Feb-21	21-Aug-21

# CMS-3414-IFC: COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for LTC Facilities and ICFs-IID

- Interim final rule goes into effect **Friday, May 21**
- **Requirements:**
  1. LTC and ICF-IID must **educate** residents and staff on COVID-19 vaccine
  2. LTC and ICF-IID must **offer** COVID-19 vaccine to residents and staff
  3. LTC must **report** vaccination data to NHSN

IFC: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/13/2021-10122/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-covid-19-vaccine-requirements-for-long-term-care-ltc-facilities-and>

QSO-21-19-NH: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-19-nh.pdf>

# LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

LTC Provider	Geographic areas served	Contact Information
CareOne Rx	Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	<a href="mailto:vaccine@careonerx.com">vaccine@careonerx.com</a>
CIMPAR	Greater Chicago area, Western suburbs	<a href="mailto:PALTC-vaccines@cimpar.com">PALTC-vaccines@cimpar.com</a> or 708.665.1826
Forum Extended Care Services	100-mile radius around Chicago	<a href="mailto:vaccination@forumpharmacy.com">vaccination@forumpharmacy.com</a> , will be asked to complete <a href="#">appointment request form</a>
Green Tree	All regions	<a href="mailto:sbenson@heritageofcare.com">sbenson@heritageofcare.com</a> will be asked to complete <a href="#">survey request form</a>
Extended Living Pharmacy - Forsynth	All regions	<a href="mailto:espires@extendedpharmacy.com">espires@extendedpharmacy.com</a> or 309-676-4831
Extended Pharmacy - Peoria	All regions	<a href="mailto:espires@extendedpharmacy.com">espires@extendedpharmacy.com</a> or 309-676-4831
HealthDirect Pharmacy - Chatham	Indiana border to Missouri border and I-80 to I-70	<a href="mailto:beckyhale@hdrxservices.com">beckyhale@hdrxservices.com</a>
HealthDirect Pharmacy - Marion	All of Southern Illinois from bottom of the state to Alton and to the East	<a href="mailto:jenniferhawthorne@hdrxservices.com">jenniferhawthorne@hdrxservices.com</a>
MacRx	72-mile radius of physical address, zip code 60018 (Des Plaines, IL)	Appointment can be made through <a href="#">registration link here</a>
Medication Management Partners	Northeast (Regions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) Champaign, Rantoul, Decatur	<a href="mailto:mmpclinics@mmprr.com">mmpclinics@mmprr.com</a> , will be asked to complete <a href="#">survey request form</a>
Oregon Healthcare Pharmacy	NW Illinois, 100-mile radius of Oregon, IL. North along WI border, West along Iowa border, South to Peoria and Bloomington and West into Chicago suburbs; Rockford	815-732-1422, will be asked to complete <a href="#">survey request form</a> <a href="mailto:vaccinesupport@oregonhealthcarepharmacy.com">vaccinesupport@oregonhealthcarepharmacy.com</a>
PharmScript of IL	All regions	<a href="mailto:Vaccinesupport@pharmscript.com">Vaccinesupport@pharmscript.com</a>

# LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Providers (cont)

PrimeCare LTC	Chicago, Zion, Peoria, Chicago Heights & Evanston	<a href="mailto:covidvax@primecareltc.com">covidvax@primecareltc.com</a> phone : 630-209-0918
RXperts	75-mile radius around Chicago area	<a href="mailto:vaccines@rxpertschicago.com">vaccines@rxpertschicago.com</a> <a href="https://rxpertspharmacy.com/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-request/">https://rxpertspharmacy.com/covid-19-vaccine-clinic-request/</a>
Symbria Rx	Chicago's western suburbs	<a href="mailto:covidvaccine@symbria.com">covidvaccine@symbria.com</a>
United Rx - Hillside	North to Waukegan, South to Streator, NW to Rockford, West to East Moline and East to Indiana border.	Complete a <a href="#">survey request form here</a>
United Rx - Carbondale	NW to Alton, East to Carmi, South to Anna, NE to Lawrenceville	Complete a <a href="#">survey request form here</a>

*As of 4/19/2021:* Please note the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership Program](#) has significantly expanded allocations to new pharmacy partners in recent weeks, several of which are designated as long-term care pharmacies.

- GeriMed
- Innovatix
- Managed Health Care Associates

A full list of participating federal LTC pharmacies in Illinois can be found [on the CDC's page](#).



# NHSN COVID-19 VACCINATION REPORTING REQUIREMENT

- This week CMS shared a new interim final rule for LTC.
  - <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-19-nh.pdf>
- LTC facilities must report the following to NHSN on a weekly basis:
  - COVID-19 vaccination status of residents and staff
  - Total numbers of residents and staff vaccinated
  - Doses of vaccine received
  - COVID-19 vaccination adverse events
  - Therapeutics administered to residents for treatment of COVID-19
- The rule takes effect May 21, 2021 and facilities must include vaccination and therapeutic data reporting in their NHSN submissions by June 13, 2021.

## RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR REPORTING

- NHSN resources can be found on the webpage: Weekly HCP & Resident COVID-19 Vaccination | LTCF | NHSN | CDC
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html>
- Replay of NHSN Training with online Questions & Answers –3:30 PM Eastern Time
  - Tuesday, May 18, 2021
  - Thursday, May 20, 2021
  - Tuesday, May 25, 2021
  - Thursday, May 27, 2021
- Register in advance for one of the webinar dates:
  - [https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_DQQITIUsQ7egD7ZPQIralg](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DQQITIUsQ7egD7ZPQIralg)



## **Long Term Care Guidance for COVID-19**

## COVID-19



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### Vaccines

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After You're Fully Vaccinated -

Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

## Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

Updated May 13, 2021

### Summary of Recent Changes

Updated May 13, 2021

**Public Guidance  
NOT HEALTHCARE**

**CDC, State, and Local Guidance**



Mayor Lori Lightfoot  
@chicagomayor

Starting tomorrow (5/14), businesses can exempt fully vaccinated individuals from capacity limits across all industries as part of the Bridge Phase of our reopening plan. Restaurants & bars can also seat parties larger than 10 people if all patrons are fully vaxxed. #OpenChicago



Governor JB Pritzker  
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I firmly believe in following the science and will revise my executive orders in line with CDC guidelines lifting additional mitigations for vaccinated people.  
The scientists' message is clear: if you are vaccinated, you can safely do much more. #VaxUpIL #allinillinois

### NEW CDC GUIDANCE:

FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE  
**CAN STOP WEARING MASKS**



The White House

### CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

**Road to normal a little nearer**

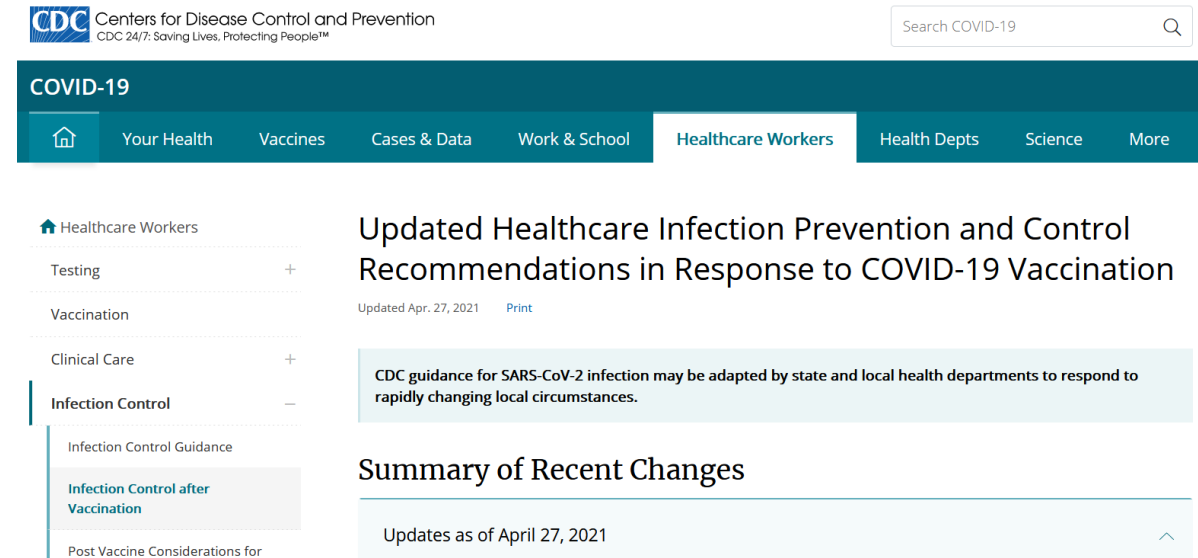
Crowd limits eased, mask mandates likely to come next

By Dan Petrella, Gregory Pratt and Jenny Whidden  
Chicago Tribune



# Respiratory Protection Related to Vaccination

- **Masks/respiratory protection still required for resident care**
- **N95s still required for care of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 or if facility is in outbreak**
- **Eye protection still required for direct care suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or if County Positivity 5% or over when caring for residents**
- **SOME NEW exceptions**



The screenshot shows the CDC's COVID-19 Healthcare Workers page. The header includes the CDC logo and the text "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main navigation bar features links for "Your Health", "Vaccines", "Cases & Data", "Work & School", "Healthcare Workers" (which is highlighted), "Health Depts", "Science", and "More". On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with links for "Testing", "Vaccination", "Clinical Care", "Infection Control", "Infection Control Guidance", "Infection Control after Vaccination" (which is highlighted), and "Post Vaccine Considerations for". The main content area displays the title "Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination" with a sub-header "Updated Apr. 27, 2021" and a "Print" link. Below this, a light blue box contains the text: "CDC guidance for SARS-CoV-2 infection may be adapted by state and local health departments to respond to rapidly changing local circumstances." Further down, there is a section titled "Summary of Recent Changes" with a sub-header "Updates as of April 27, 2021" and an upward arrow icon.

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html#anchor\\_1619116662704](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html#anchor_1619116662704)

# Higher Risk Exposure

## Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure to SARS-CoV-2

Updated Mar. 11, 2021 [Print](#)

“The operational definition of “prolonged” refers to a cumulative time period of 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period, which aligns with the time period used in the guidance for community exposures and contact tracing

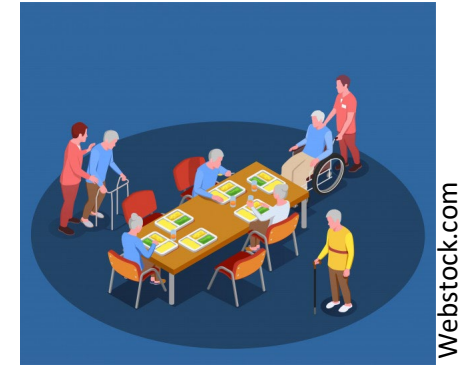
For the purposes of this guidance, any duration should be considered prolonged if the exposure occurs during performance of an aerosol generating procedure.<sup>1</sup>

Clarified that asymptomatic HCP who are fully vaccinated and have a higher-risk exposure as described in this guidance do not need to be restricted from work.”

# Immunocompromised Persons

- Limited data on vaccine protection in people who are immunocompromised
- Cancer chemotherapy
- Hematologic malignancies
- Within one year from receiving a hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant
- Untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count < 200, combined primary immunodeficiency disorder, and
- Immunosuppressive medications (e.g., drugs to suppress rejection of transplanted organs or to treat rheumatologic conditions such as mycophenolate and rituximab, receipt of prednisone >20mg/day for more than 14 days)
- Healthcare facilities should continue to follow the infection prevention and control recommendations for unvaccinated individuals (e.g., quarantine, testing)

# Communal Dining



- Vaccinated and unvaccinated residents
  - with an active SARS-CoV-2 infection, or
  - who are in isolation because of suspected COVID-19 or
  - residents in quarantine

CANNOT participate in communal dining until they have met criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions or are released from Quarantine.



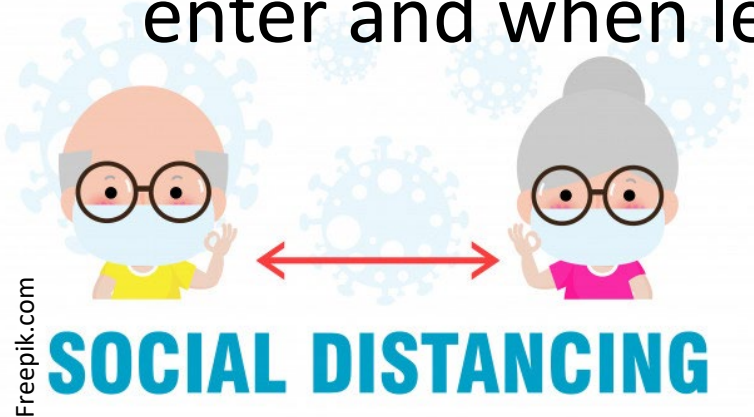
# Communal Dining Guidance

Residents who participate in communal dining:

- Fully vaccinated residents can participate in communal dining without use of source control or physical distancing
- If unvaccinated residents are present in the dining area
  - all residents should use source control when not eating
  - and unvaccinated residents should continue to remain at least 6 feet from others
- If unvaccinated HCP are present in the dining area
  - all residents should use source control when not eating
  - and unvaccinated residents should continue to remain at least 6 feet from others

# Communal Dining

- If vaccination status cannot be determined, the safest practice is for all participants to follow all recommended infection prevention and control practices including maintaining physical distancing and wearing source control
- Residents should wear a cloth face mask or face covering to enter and when leaving the dining area



# Guidance for Group Activities

- If residents participating in the activity are fully vaccinated, then they may choose to have close contact and do not need to wear source control during the activity.
- If unvaccinated residents are present, then all participants in the group activity should wear source control and unvaccinated residents should physically distance from others.
- If unvaccinated HCP are present, then all participants in the group activity should wear source control and unvaccinated residents should physically distance from others.



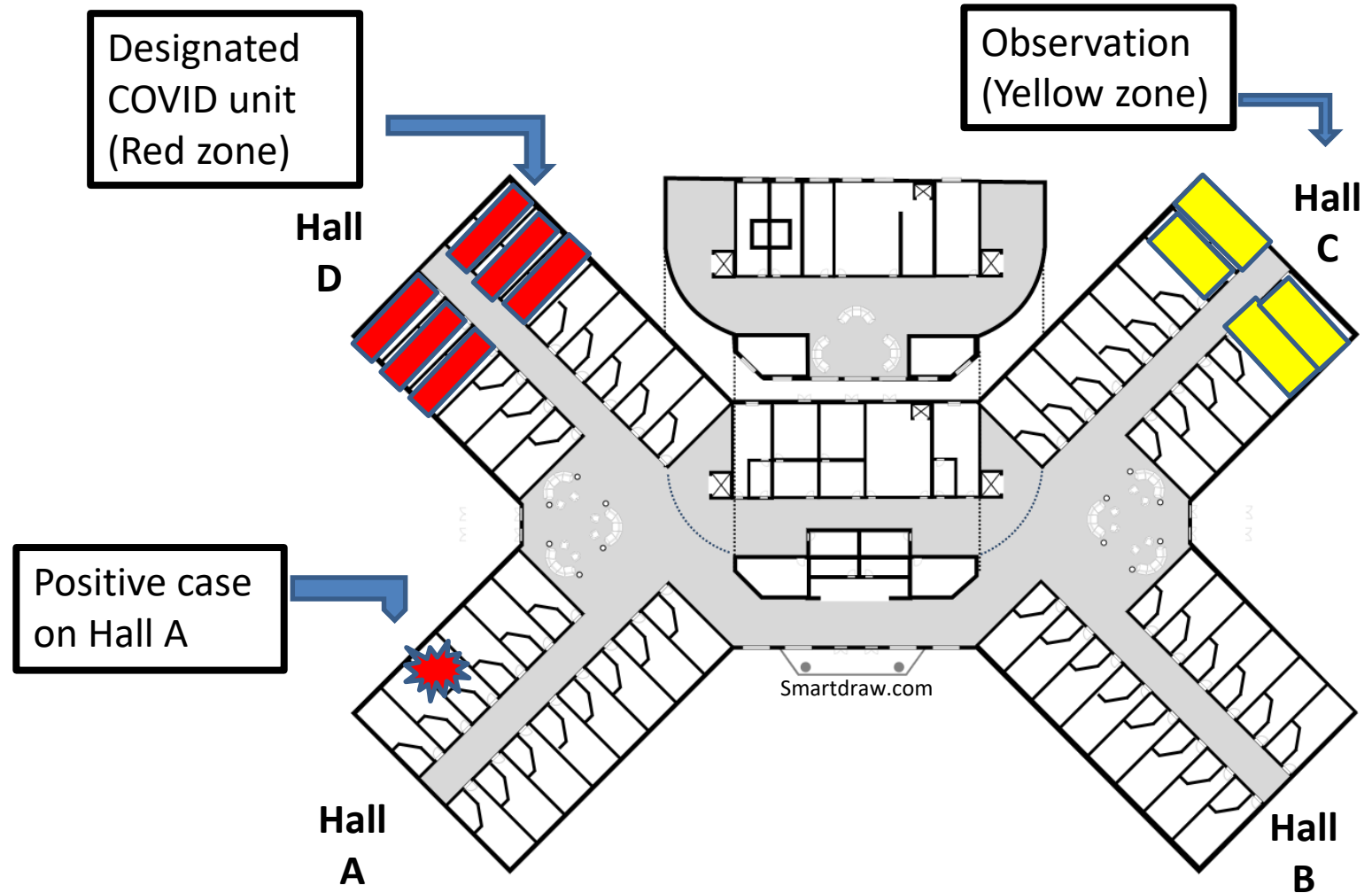
# Healthcare Personnel

- In general, fully vaccinated HCP should continue to wear source control while at work.
- However, fully vaccinated HCP could dine and socialize together in break rooms and conduct in-person meetings without source control or physical distancing.
- If unvaccinated HCP are present, everyone should wear source control (unless eating or drinking) and unvaccinated HCP should physically distance from others.

PER CDC GUIDANCE

Positive case on Hall A

1. Hall A is the affected unit
2. Move positive case to designated COVID unit.
3. The roommate regardless of vaccination status had a higher risk exposure and should shelter in place and quarantine. Or could move to the observation/yellow zone if single room is available.
4. Evaluate other residents and unvaccinated staff for high risk exposures. Those identified should be placed on quarantine.
5. Residents on affected unit regardless of vaccination status may participate in outdoor visits. Source control should be worn when passing through the building.
6. Residents on affected unit cannot participate in indoor visits, communal dining, or group activities except on unit.



**NOTE:** An observation zone is **NOT** required. Single rooms should be used.

# Newly identified positive case in resident or staff

- ☐ One case is considered an outbreak. Staff must now wear an N95 respirator and eye protection on all units until no more positive case for 14 days.
- ☐ Pause indoor and outdoor visitation, communal dining, and group activities on all units until the first round of testing is completed.
- ☐ Complete facility-wide testing of residents and staff regardless of vaccination status (first round of testing). Test all previous negative residents and staff 3-7 days after the first round of testing and continue to test every 3-7 days until no new positives are identified for 14 days. Residents or staff with 90 days of active COVID-19 infection may be excluded from testing.
- ☐ Evaluate whether the outbreak is contained to one unit (affected unit).
- ☐ If contained to one unit, the remaining units (unaffected units) may resume indoor and outdoor visitation, communal dining, and group activities following guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.
- ☐ Staff must continue to wear N95 respirators and eye protection on all units. Gowns and gloves are used per standard precautions when caring for all residents on the unaffected units.

# Newly identified positive case in resident or staff

☐ The affected unit must:

- a. Suspend indoor visitation until no new positives are identified for 14 days
- b. Residents with higher risk exposure to the positive case (another resident or staff) should be placed in quarantine and restricted to their room. Ideally, the resident should be in a single room.
- c. Residents with higher risk exposure may shelter in place or be moved to the observation or yellow zone and be placed in quarantine. Ideally, residents should be in a single room.
- d. Residents that did NOT have a higher risk exposure (unexposed) are allowed to participate in outdoor visits. Source control must be worn when walking through the building to get to the outdoors.
- e. Unexposed residents should not participate in communal dining and group activities in the main dining hall or activity center. However, unexposed residents on affected units with separate areas for dining and activities may participate in dining and activities on the unit following guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons.
- f. Full PPE (N95 respirator, eye protection, gown, gloves) should be worn for residents in quarantine or those with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- g. Staff must continue to wear N95 respirators and eye protection. Gowns and gloves are used per standard precautions when caring for all residents on the affected units unless in isolation for another diagnosis.

☐ If more than one unit is involved, then the facility must:

- a. Suspend all indoor visitations for the entire facility until there are no more positives for 14 days except those required by the disability rights law (end-of-life, compassionate care).
- b. Allow outdoor visits except for those in quarantine for high-risk exposures or a newly admitted unvaccinated person or in isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID-19.



# Who Should Quarantine

- Unvaccinated new admissions or readmissions
- Symptomatic resident awaiting test results
- Vaccinated or unvaccinated residents following higher risk exposure (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Unvaccinated residents who leave the facility may need to be quarantined based upon the risk assessment.
- Unvaccinated residents who leave the facility for 24 hours or longer should generally be managed as described in the New Admission and Readmission section.
- Roommates of residents with SARS-CoV-2 infection should be considered exposed and potentially infected and, if at all possible, should not share rooms with other residents while they are in quarantine (i.e., for the 14 days following the date their roommate was moved to the COVID-19 care unit).



- **Can residents on affected units continue outdoor visitation during an outbreak?**
- **Yes**, residents on affected units may continue outdoor visitation provided they are not on transmission-based precautions due to confirmed or suspected infection or on quarantine for higher risk exposure, including new admission/readmission of an unvaccinated resident
- Residents should wear source control face mask when walking through the building

## For Fully Vaccinated Persons

- **Can nursing homes cohort people into vaccinated and unvaccinated cohorts for activities and dining based on vaccination status?**
- **Yes**, nursing homes may host separate activities and dining based on vaccination status.
- Comply with resident rights requirements

# Fully Vaccinated Residents and Staff

- **May people remove their masks/respirators and sit close together if all people present are fully vaccinated?**
- **Yes**, people may forgo masking and social distancing if **EVERYONE** (residents and staff) is **fully vaccinated**.
- If there are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or people with unknown vaccination status present in the group (not just walking by the group), then masks should be worn and unvaccinated persons will need to social distance.
- CDC/CMS emphasized that the guidance applies to congregating, not people passing through the area

# Open Q&A

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

**Please do not resubmit a single question multiple times**

Slides and recording will be made available after the session.

# Reminders

- 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>
- Project Firstline Learning Needs Assessment
  - English Version: <https://redcap.link/firstlineLNA>
  - Spanish Version: <https://redcap.link/LNAespanol>
- NHSN Assistance:
  - Contact Telligen: **nursinghome@telligen.com**