



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

May 22, 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
- Latest CDC and IDPH updates
- Open Q & A

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IDPH webinars

- **Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A (1-2 pm):**
 - **5/29:**
<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3007014ea78f16862cfba3ebc982f771>

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CDC Testing Guidance for Nursing Homes

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes



Interim Testing Guidance in Response to Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Nursing Home Residents and Healthcare Personnel



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Interim Testing Guidance in Response to Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Nursing Homes | Division of Field Epidemiology | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Testing should not supersede existing IPC interventions.

Testing conducted at nursing homes should be implemented *in addition to* [recommended IPC measures](#).

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CDC: Performing Facility-wide SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Nursing Homes

- **Prepare to respond to results** of the testing prior to initiating testing (see next slide)
- **Plan for specimen collection and data management**
 - Who will collect specimen from residents? From staff? How will this take place?
 - How will we track the data?
- **Coordinate communication** of testing results
 - How will we get results from the lab?
 - How will we notify residents, families, staff?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-facility-wide-testing.html>

Preparing for testing results



Designate a COVID-19 unit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-responding.html>



Understand the HCP return to work criteria

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html>



Plan for potential staffing shortages

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/mitigating-staff-shortages.html>

Accepting Transfers from Acute Care Settings to LTCF (5/11/2020 Subject to change)

Criteria for accepting transfers from acute care settings to LTCF:	Medically stable	Patient Monitoring (minimum) ✓ Every 8 hours: Temp, Pulse, HR and pulse oximetry. ✓ B/P once a day	Transmission-based Precautions	Qualifier	Afebrile for 72 hours without fever reducing meds	Qualifier	Improving respiratory symptoms	COVID-19 Test	Patient Placement: Single room is ideal. Cohort like- illnesses.	
<i>NOTE: Meeting criteria for discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions is not a prerequisite for discharge. Testing may be helpful but is not required prior to being discharged from acute care settings.</i>									Dedicated COVID wing or hall	Other part of building w/o COVID-19 cases
New admissions or returning residents where the COVID19 STATUS IS UNKNOWN (this could be someone new to the facility, a returning resident that went to hospital or transferred from somewhere and was not tested or the test result is pending)	X	X	TBP for 14 days Have passed since last exposure (which is date of admission)	AND	X	AND	X	Not required to be admitted. May help for placement.		Single room on transition area. If asymptomatic after 14 days, can go to regular floor.
New and returning patients/residents who were SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID19			SHOULD REMAIN IN TBP UNTIL ONE SET OF CRITERIA ARE MET BEFORE DISCONTINUING TBP							
Symptom-based	X	X	Continue TBP until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.	<u>AND</u>	X	<u>AND</u>	X		Keep on COVID unit until TBP is discontinued.	After TBP discontinued, may move to regular floor.
Test-based	X	X	Continue TBP until have 2 consecutive negative tests collected > 24 hours apart	<u>AND</u>	X	<u>AND</u>	X	2 negative tests collected > 24 hours apart	Keep on COVID unit until TBP is discontinued.	After TBP discontinued, may move to regular floor.

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COVID-19 IDPH Interim Guidance: Accepting Transfers from Acute Care Settings to LTCF (5/11/2020 Subject to change)

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New and returning patients/residents who were ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS WHO TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID19										
Time-based	X	X	Continue TBP until 10 days have passed since first positive test (and no symptoms have developed)		NA		NA		Keep on COVID unit until TBP is discontinued.	After TBP discontinued, may move to regular floor.
Test-based	X	X	Continue TBP until have 2 consecutive negative tests collected > 24 hours apart		NA		NA	2 negative tests collected > 24 hours apart	Keep on COVID unit until TBP is discontinued.	After TBP discontinued, may move to regular floor.
New and returning residents who were SUSPECTED to have COVID-19 (symptomatic)								-		
If Never tested use Symptom-based criteria	X	X	Continue TBP until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.	<u>AND</u>	X	<u>AND</u>	X		X	
If tested use Test-based criteria	X	X	Continue TBP until have at least 1 negative test or 2 negative tests if high level of suspicion for COVID	<u>AND</u>	X	<u>AND</u>	X	1 negative test or 2 negative tests if high level of suspicion	X	

This as well as many other IDPH resource documents can be found on the IDPH website:

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/long-term-care-guidance>



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Testing Guidance

Individuals Undergoing Testing including Healthcare Workers & First Responders

Long Term Care Facilities Guidance



[Long Term Care Facilities Guidance](#)

COVID-19 Control Measures for Long Term Care

Interim Guidance (subject to change)

RESOURCES



[CDC Long Term Care Facilities COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[Checklist for Long Term Care Facilities](#)

[Sample Long Term Care Facility Letter](#)

[Employee Monitoring Tool](#)

[Resident Monitoring Protocol](#)

[Nebulizer Treatments for COVID-19 Cases](#)

[Accepting Transfers from Acute Care Settings to LTCF](#)

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Criteria%20for%20accepting%20transfers%20from%20acute%20care%20settings%20to%20LTC%2005.11.20%20updateKT.pdf>



Questions re: Infection Control Guidance

I was under the impression roommates of a resident who tested positive had to be quarantined for 14 days now they have to be isolated and tested???

Clarification; if a SNF is Covid free, what precautions are to be taken for PPE.

If you use one of the plastic zipper walls to designate a COVID unit, do you have to have designated staff inside the zipper walls? Or can staff come in and out of the wall to other care areas after changing PPE and sanitizing?

Questions re: Infection Control Guidance

If there are no positive cases on a unit is it okay for individuals to go outside as long as the staff are practicing social distancing? And my understanding is that the individual would need to wear a mask if they are out of their rooms.

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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>