

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

November 20th, 2020

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
- Tier 3 mitigation
- Vaccines
- Project ECHO
- Testing reminders
- FAQ from last week
- Open Q & A

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IDPH webinars

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

Friday, November 27 th	No webinar due to Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, December 4 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed046aacea456674b4 196d438f02e7bf8
Friday, December 11 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9357eb48a0ca9b4b6 441cd9591b6c11c
Friday December 18 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=eba368e77862b19ed0 221b317c7cdb649

Previously recorded webinars can be viewed on the **IDPH Portal**

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So Very Close!!! You Have Worked SO Hard!!

The Washington Post

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Health

Pfizer and BioNTech will seek regulatory clearance of their coronavirus vaccine



Clinical trials have show that a coronavirus vaccine from Pfizer and BioNTech is 95 percent effective at preventing the illness. (Justin Tallis/AFP/Getty Images

By Carolyn Y. Johnson November 20, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. CST + Add to list



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Pfizer seeking emergency use of its **COVID-19** vaccine in US

By LAURAN NEERGAARD an hour ago



Pfizer said Friday it is asking U.S. regulators to allow emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine, starting the clock on a process that could bring limited first shots as early as next month and...

Pfizer: COVID-19 shot 95% effective, seeking clearance soon



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But Not Yet





Tiered Mitigation



It's about as tight as it will go!! Highest level of restrictions!



Illinois Tier 3 Mitigation Friday, November 20,2020

OPEN

- Critical infrastructure
- Grocery/Pharmacy at 50% Capacity
- Health and Fitness Centers and retail at 25% capacity
- Hotels for room guests only
- Beauty/Barber at 50%
- Outdoor with 10 person gathering limit
- Schools local jurisdiction

PAUSED

- Banquet Halls and event spaces
- Cultural institutions (e.g. museums)
- Gaming and casinos
- Indoor fitness classes
- Indoor group sports
- Should work remotely if possible
- Avoid Gatherings





Long Term Care Illinois Tier 3 Mitigation



Updated Interim Guidance for Nursing Homes and Other Long-Term Care Facilities and Programs: Phased Reopening

All Illinois COVID-19 Regions are subject to mitigation measures (Tier 3). LTC facilities must

- Suspend indoor and outdoor visitation except for compassionate care (Essential Caregiver-pending release of guidance)
- Communal dining
- Group activities
- Barber and beauty shop services
- Suspended activities can be resumed 14 days after tiered mitigation for the region is lifted

Pause in current CMS Phase

- Not eligible to advance to the next CMS Phase until 14 days after tiered mitigation in the region is lifted.
- One new case? Back to CMS Phase 1

Please direct any further questions to dph.ltcreopening@illinois.gov



CMS Phase 1 and Illinois Tiers

ACTIVITIES	CMS PHASES FOR LTCF			
	CMS Phase 1- Highest level of mitigation	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
VISITATIONS	Virtual or teleconference visits encouraged Compassionate care, end-of-life visits allowed Outdoor visits allowed	Follow statements under Phase 1 Visitations. No further restrictions.	Follow statements under Phase 1 Visitations. No further restrictions.	Suspend all visits except compassionate care, end of life visits
COMMUNAL DINING	Communal dining is not recommended May be considered on limited and modified basis. If implemented follow CMS Phase 2	Follow statements under Phase 1 Communal Dining. No further restrictions.	Follow statements under Phase 1 Communal Dining. No further restrictions.	Suspend communal dining
GROUP ACTIVITIES	Engagement through technology is preferred to minimize opportunity for exposure Encourage virtual activities or limited and modified activities In-person group activities are not recommended in CMS Phase 1 but may be considered. If done follow CMS Phase 2	Follow statements under Phase 1 Group Activities. No further restrictions.	Follow statements under Phase 1 Group Activities. No further restrictions.	Suspend group activities
MEDICAL TRIPS	Use telemedicine to extent practicable Avoid trips not medically necessary Medically necessary trips are allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed



CMS Phase 2 and Illinois Tiers

	CMS Phase 2	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
VISITATIONS	Virtual or teleconference visits encouraged	Suspend indoor	Same as Tier 1	Suspend all visits
	Compassionate care, end-of-life visits allowed	visits		except
	Outdoor allowed		Suspend indoor	compassionate
	Indoor visits allowed		visits	care, end of life
	Follow IDPH reopening guidance for specifics			visits
COMMUNAL	Communal dining may be considered with a maximum seating	Continue as per	Same as Tier 1	Suspend
DINING	capacity of 25%	Phase 2		communal dining
			Continue as per	
			Phase 2	
GROUP	Group activities may be considered for activities that improve	Continue group	Same as Tier 1	Suspend group
ACTIVIITES	the quality of life for residents, with a maximum of 10 residents	activities except	plus limit to 10	activities
	at an activity.	not allowed to	participants	
		bring outside		
		leaders in to run		
		the activity and not		
		allowed to leave		
		for off-site outings		
MEDICAL	Use telemedicine to extent practicable. Avoid trips not medically	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
TRIPS	necessary. For trips away from the facility, follow Phase 1.	Follow Phase 1	Follow Phase 1	Follow Phase 1
Barber/	Barber and beauty shops visits are allowed following reopening	Suspend	Suspend	Suspend
beauty shops	guidance.	_	-	-



CMS Phase 3 and Illinois Tiers

	CMS Phase 3	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
VISITATION	Virtual or teleconference visits encouraged	Suspend indoor	Same as Tier 1	Suspend all visits
	Compassionate care, end-of-life visits allowed	visits		except
	Outdoor allowed		Suspend indoor	compassionate
	Indoor visits allowed		visits	care, end of life
	Follow IDPH reopening guidance for specifics			visits
COMMUNAL	Communal dining is allowed	Continue as per	Same as Tier 1	Suspend
DINING	Communal dining may be considered with a maximum seating	Phase 2		communal dining
	capacity of 25%		Continue as per	
	Number of diners per sitting are limited by the size of the space,		Phase 2	
	the room must allow 6 feet separation between dinners			
GROUP	Small group activities are encouraged	Continue group	Same as Tier 1	Suspend group
ACTIVITIES	Follow reopening guidance for specifics	activities except	plus limit to 10	activities
		not allowed to	participants	
		bring outside		
		leaders in to run		
		the activity and not		
		allowed to leave		
		for off-site outings		
MEDICAL	Use telemedicine to extent practicable.	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
TRIPS	Avoid trips that are not medically necessary	Follow Phase 1	Follow Phase 1	Follow Phase 1
Barber/beauty	Barber and beauty shops visits are allowed following reopening	Suspend	Suspend	Suspend
shops	guidance.			
Non-Medical	The decision on whether the resident should make a non-	Suspend	Suspend	Suspend
Trips	medical trip should be made collaboratively by the resident, the			
	resident's family or surrogate, facility representative, and if			
	appropriate the resident's physician			

This table does not address Essential Caregivers (EC). More guidance to follow for this special group.



Co-infection: Don't Look for Zebras but don't Ignore Them Either!

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Influenza (Flu)

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Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating

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The following practices should be considered when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza viruses are found to be co-circulating based upon local public health surveillance data and testing at local healthcare facilities. While these considerations are specific to care of residents residing in nursing homes, some practices could be adapted for use in other long-term care settings (e.g. assisted living facilities).

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/testing-guidance-for-clinicianshospitaized.htm



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Repository of Resources for Maintaining Immunization during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This repository of resources is intended for use by healthcare settings, state and local health departments, professional societies, immunization coalitions, advocacy groups, and communities in their efforts to maintain immunization rates during the COVID-19 pandemic. The repository includes links to international, national, and state-level policies and guidance and advocacy materials, including talking points, webinars, press releases, media articles, and social media posts, as well as telehealth resources. The materials listed below can be sorted and searched by date, title, geographic area, source, type, extension



IAC Home | Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide

Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide

A comprehensive, easyto-use "how-to" guide for vaccinating adults

Vaccinating Adults:

Immunization Action Coalition

A Step-by-Step Guide

AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide provides 142 pages of practical information in an easy-to-use format to help you implement or enhance adult immunization services in your healthcare setting. The *Guide* also includes an abundance of web addresses and references to assist you in staying up to date with the most current information. Developed by staff at the Immunization Action Coalition, the *Guide* had several early reviews for technical accuracy by subject matter experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Vaccine Program Office. Immunization Action Coalition Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide



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https://www.immunize.org/

No Dorm Style Refrigerators for Vaccines



Pharmacy Refrigerators

Pharmacy Refrigerators have all the features needed to store medicine at the correct temperature. They come with an easily readable digital touchscreen display, making temperature monitoring a snap. Temperature data is stored on a mini SD card, which can be downloaded to Excel, allowing you to review the chamber's historical temperature performance graphically.

A high/low temperature alarm alerts personnel to temperature excursions (e.g. if the door is left open too long, or a power outage occurs), and the alarm relay can be connected to a lab or pharmacy monitoring system. These refrigerators have glass doors, and the larger (2- and 3-door) models come with your choice of hinged (SD) or gliding (GD) doors.





Resources are Available for Free

Checklist for Safe Vaccine Storage and Handling

Are you doing everything you should to safeguard your vaccine supply? Review this list to see where you might make improvements in your vaccine management practices. Check each listed item with either ves or No.

Establish Storage and Handling Policies

- **YES NO** 1. We have designated a primary vaccine coordinator and at least one alternate coordinator to be in charge of vaccine storage and handling at our facility.
- **YES NO** 2. Both the primary and alternate vaccine coordinator(s) have completely reviewed either CDC's Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit. pdf) or equivalent training materials offered by our state or local health department's immunization program.
- We have detailed, up-to-date, written standard operating procedures for general vaccine management, including procedures for routine activities and an emergency vaccine retrieval and storage plan for power outages and other problems. Our procedures are based on CDC's Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit and/or on instruction from our state or local health department's immunization program.
- YES NO 4. We review these policies with all staff annually and with new staff, including temporary staff, when they are hired.



https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3035.pdf



- Healthcare personnel may be prioritized
- Older adults and adults with preexisting conditions may be prioritized
- Children were not included in initial studies
- New studies including children at increasingly younger ages

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Coronavirus	Latest news	U.S. map	World map	FAQ	Vaccine tracker	Coronavirus Living	Extraordinary People	The Road to a Coronavirus Vaccine	The Facts on Moderna's Vaccine	The Facts on Pfizer's Vaccine	Vaccine Tracker

What you need to know about the Moderna and Pfizer coronavirus vaccines

Pfizer's Covid Vaccine: 11 Things You Need to Know

Last Updated Nov. 18, 2020, 7:00 a.m. ET

https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/11/17/covid-vaccines-what-you-need-to-know/?arc404=true

https://www.nytimes.com/live/2020/pfizer-covid-19-vaccine



Both appear to be more than 90 percent effective in clinical trials and could begin to be available before the end of the year.

Washington Post November 18, 2020 : Carolyn Y. Johnson, Aaron Steckelberg, Lena H. Sun and Christopher Rowland



How do the vaccines work?

- Will be the first vaccines using messenger RNA technology ever approved for human use by the Food and Drug Administration.
- Different from more traditional vaccines, which often use a weakened or dead version of a virus, or a laboratory-generated protein.
- Use a snippet of the virus's genetic code to instruct cells to build the spike protein on the surface of the coronavirus,
- Teaching the immune system to recognize the real thing.

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How will the vaccines be shipped?

Moderna vaccine is stored frozen at minus -4 degrees Fahrenheit (-20 degrees Celsius)

Keeps for a month at refrigerator temperatures.

Pfizer and BioNTech must be kept at an ultracold, minus -90 degrees Fahrenheit, (minus-70 degrees Celsius).

Pfizer/BioNTech has created its own GPS-tracked coolers filled with dry ice to distribute it

Each vial of the Pfizer vaccine holds five doses when diluted. Once thawed, the **undiluted** vial can be kept in a refrigerator for only **5 days**.

A **diluted** vial can be kept for only **6 hours** before it must be discarded.



- Both vaccines require two doses.
- Pfizer's booster shot will be given three weeks after the first injection
- Moderna booster shot will be given four weeks after the first injection





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For Specific Groups of People COVID-19 Vaccination Resources

Long-term Care Pharmacy

to facilities. This effort will require extensive coordination with jurisdictions, COVID-19 Vaccination Program **Operational Guidance**

CDC is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities once vaccination is recommended for them. The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program provides end-toend management of the COVID-19 vaccination process, including cold chain management, on-site vaccinations, and fulfillment of reporting requirements, to facilitate safe vaccination of this patient population, while reducing burden on

long-term care facilities (LTCFs) and jurisdictional health departments. LTCF staff

LTCFs, federal partners, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Association (AHCA) and Leading Age, which include members across both nursing

who have not received COVID-19 vaccine can also be vaccinated as part of the program. This program provides critical vaccination services and is free of charge

(CMS), and professional organizations, including American Health Care

Term Care Program

homes and assisted living facilities.

Understanding the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-

Get Answers about the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care



Learn more about The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-term Care (LTC) Program with these simple

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CVS	932
Walgreens	923
Other/opt out	396



https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html

Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program

- CVS or Walgreens through CDC Pharmacy Partnership
- Can use local pharmacy with abilities to support
- Free of charge to facilities
- Schedule and coordinate on-site clinic date(s) directly with each facility.
- Three visits over approximately two months will likely be needed to administer both doses of vaccine and vaccinate any new residents and staff.
- Order vaccines and associated supplies (e.g., syringes, needles, personal protective equipment).
- Ensure cold chain management for vaccine.
- Provide on-site administration of vaccine.
- Report required vaccination data (approximately 20 data fields) to the local, state/territorial, and federal jurisdictions within 72 hours of administering each dose.
- Adhere to all applicable Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) COVID-19 testing requirements for LTCF staff.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/long-term-care/pharmacy-partnerships.html



Infection Preventionists are Necessary!!!

AHRQ Project ECHO



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Nursing Home COVID-19 Network

Frequently Asked Questions

Training Center Information

AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network

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Launch Webinars

Supported by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and in collaboration with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Project ECHO is launching a National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network (the Network).

We are actively recruiting **nursing homes** around the country to join this interactive community of practice to collaboratively advance improvements in COVID-19 preparedness, safety, and infection control.

Nursing homes can join through their local training center or by using our form. If you have enrolled with a training center, there is no need to fill out our form.



AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network: Nursing Home Signup Form

Supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and in collaboration with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Project ECHO is launching an interactive and collaborative community of practice for nursing homes around the country to advance improvements in COVID-19 preparedness, safety and infection control.

This form is intended for nursing homes interested in participating in the Network.

Organization Information

Organization Name *

Please start to type the name of your organization. The list will automatically narrow the search results for you. Organization Names are listed alphabetically. If you are unable to find your organization's name, please select "not listed" and type in your organization name manually.

Select	•
Address 1 *	
Address 2	
City *	
State *	
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Zip Code *	

CMS Provider Number

If applicable

https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/institute-programs/nursing-home/pages/





Testing Reminders

Antigen Point-of-Care (POC) Testing



CLIA Certificate of Waiver is Required for POC Testing

- Facilities conducting POCT must obtain appropriate certification and comply with Illinois CLIA rules. See <u>http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/health-care-regulation/CLIA</u>
- CMS -116 form
- Contact: <u>dph.clia@Illinois.gov</u>



Manufacturer Training for Ag POC Testing



*Also refer to manufacturer's instructions for use



POC Reporting Requirements

CMS-certified nursing homes must use NHSN. Other LTCs need to use IDPH's POC reporting REDCap.

- 1. Each facility will need to register in IDPH's system with their CLIA certificate number and a point-of-contact email address using this link: <u>https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=XJARKWRP7E</u>.
- 2. Once the registration is processed:
 - Point-of-contact will receive a unique link to begin reporting positives and negatives. Staff within the same facility can use the same link to report (no need for multiple registrations)



How to test?

	Outbreak or one case	No outbreak or case in last 28 days
IDPH Lab*		
IDPH Mobile Testing Team*	\checkmark	
Contracted private lab**	\checkmark	\checkmark
Local laboratory/ health department partners	\checkmark	\checkmark
Point-of-Care Testing (e.g., antigen)		\checkmark

* For up to 2 rounds of testing

**A list of labs with available capacity can be found on the <u>IDPH LTC testing website</u>.



Staff Routine Testing

Community COVID-19 Activity	County Positivity Rate in the past week	Minimum Testing Frequency
Low	<5%	Once a month
Medium	5% -10%	Once a week*
High	>10%	Twice a week*

Refer to CMS positivity rates, available at: <u>https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-</u> <u>Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg</u>

For Champaign County LTCFs only, use <u>CUPHD</u> website or <u>IDPH</u> website to determine testing frequency. Currently at once/week.



FAQ

- Q: Our lab's turnaround time has been increasing (e.g., 4+ days). How do we meet the 2x/week testing requirement?
 - A: Suggest using the lab once per week and antigen point-of-care testing once per week.
 - For LTCFs that haven't received BinaxNOW from federal government or do not have enough, recommend reaching out to local health department for assistance.





FAQ from last week

- Q: Are window visits acceptable if the resident stays inside the building?
 - Window visits are not recommended as the entire state is currently in Tier 3 mitigation which encourages everyone to stay home to reduce the spread of the virus

• Q: Can you clarify your comment on employees who are also licensed beauticians? Can we use them in phase 1 or only 2 and above?





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: <u>http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren</u>

- NHSN Assistance:
 - Contact Telligen: nursinghome@telligen.com