



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

September 9th, 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
- Mask and eye protection
- Testing requirements in nursing homes
- LTC Reopening REDCap
- FAQ from last week
- Open Q & A

Slides and recording will be made available after the session.

IDPH webinars

Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A

Friday, Sept.18 th ; 1:00 to 1:30 pm	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed24879cda41b3252322f3b41284ec74d
Friday, Sept.25 th ; 1:00 to 1:30 pm	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e7b843af115911fdbf0f93b4abab17286

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Mask and Eye Protection

- Consider use of a mask and eye protection for all direct care¹
- Goggles that fit tight with no gaps
- Face shields that wrap around the side of the face
 - Advantage: Cover the eyes, face, and the mask/respirator

1. Weber, D.J., Hayden, M.K., Wright, S.B. Murthy, A.R., Babcock, H., Guzman-Cottrill, J. Haessler, S., Rock, C., Van Schooneveld, T., Forde, C.A., Logan, L.K., Malani, A., Henderson, D.K. for the SHEA Board of Trustees. Universal Pandemic Precautions

2. Perencevich EN, Diekema DJ, Edmond MB. Moving personal protective equipment into the community: face shields and containment of COVID-19. JAMA. Published online April 29, 2020. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.7477

Respiratory Protection Programs

Respiratory Protection Resources in Long Term Care

July 9, 2020

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 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

COVID-19
Get the latest information from the CDC about COVID-19. [LEARN MORE](#)

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Respiratory Protection Resources in Long Term Care
1,581 views · Aug 6, 2020

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAnZNvGqa34>

Testing

- *“CMS will temporarily exercise enforcement discretion for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency under CLIA for the use of SARS-CoV-2 POC antigen tests on asymptomatic individuals. Specifically, CMS will not cite facilities with a CLIA Certificate of Waiver when SARS-CoV-2 POC antigen tests are performed on asymptomatic individuals, as described in the FDA FAQ”*



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Guidance
Office of the Secretary

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
Washington, D.C. 20201

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
August 31, 2020

Guidance for PREP Act Coverage for COVID-19 Screening Tests at Nursing Homes, Assisted-Living Facilities, Long-Term-Care Facilities, and other Congregate Facilities

On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a public-health emergency for the United States.¹ The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the lead agency for the federal government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A key component of that response is rapidly expanding COVID-19 testing across America. Within HHS, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health leads federal efforts to support that expansion. Enhancing the safety of nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, long-term-care facilities, and other facilities where people congregate to receive care or education or to work (collectively, “congregate facilities”) is critical for our Nation’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Testing for COVID-19, including those who are asymptomatic, is a key part of that effort.²



CMS-required* staff testing in nursing homes

Table 2: Routine Testing Intervals Vary by Community COVID-19 Activity Level

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*

***This frequency presumes availability of Point of Care testing on-site at the nursing home or where off-site testing turnaround time is <48 hours.**

- Per 9/8 CMS call, Dr. Fleisher said state data can be used for the county positivity rate if it is newer and better
- IDPH [county data](#) is more up-to-date than CMS’.
- Ensure that you document the data source and rate along with your testing

*CMS, [QSO-20-38-NH](#) and [CMS-3401-IFC](#) (interim final rule with comment period)

Point-of-Care Testing Reporting Requirements

- **Facility must report all POC testing results to public health authorities, per federal requirements.*** This includes:
 - **Each positive and negative** test result via Illinois' National Electronic Disease Surveillance System ([I-NEDSS](#)) within 24 hours of test completion
 - **Aggregate** testing numbers by 9:30am daily to an [IDPH portal](#)
 - **Each positive** test result to their certified local health department. Facilities should also report all individual test results from mass screening to their certified local health department in batch format (“line list”)

*COVID-19 Pandemic Response, Laboratory Data Reporting: CARES Act Section 18115: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-laboratory-data-reporting-guidance.pdf>

CMS, QSO-20-37-CLIA, NH: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-37-clianh.pdf>

I-NEDSS Registration

- Facilities need to register as an I-NEDSS reporter *before* starting POC testing
 - Recommend that each facility have more than one person register
 - Those who previously gained XDRO registry access should have access to I-NEDSS already
 - If I-NEDSS access is not received prior to testing, please call your local health department to report positive cases
- I-NEDSS is housed within the IDPH Web Portal

Request an IDPH Web Portal Account

Apply for access at: <http://portalhome.dph.illinois.gov/>



Illinois Department of Public Health
Health Alert Network
Web Portal

Welcome to the IDPH Web Portal

From here, you can:

- Find all your public health related information at one secure site.
- Join online communities to share files, discussions, calendars and more.
- Access Web-based applications.

Requirements: To access the IDPH Web Portal, users must be running Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher. Some portal applications may not function properly with other browsers such as Mozilla Firefox.

Current Users: click here to access the portal: [DPH Portal Login](#)

PASSWORDS:

If you want to reset your password without calling the IDPH Helpdesk or the State of Illinois DoIT Customer Service Center, please take a few moments to register by going to:

<https://imreg.illinois.gov>

- In order to utilize this solution, you must have an email address that is individual to you only, no shareable email addresses are allowable.

To **RESET** your Password (Must be registered):

<https://imreset.illinois.gov> to reset your password

- You must enter username as **idph\username**

I need to...

[Register for a Portal Account](#)

For Technical Support issues (anything except Password Resets), please contact the DoIT Customer Service Center (CSC) at the appropriate number listed below.

- Springfield: 217-524-DoIT (217-524-3648)
- Chicago: 312-814-DoIT (312-814-3648)

Technical Support Week Days (8A-5P, Monday-Friday)


Contact the IDPH Helpdesk at 866-220-5247 or via email at DPH.Helpdesk@illinois.gov for Portal access and web-based application support. Please include your name, phone number, and specific application name, detail of the issue and error messages, if any, in your description of the problem within the email message to ensure efficient resolution.

All other Times, contact the Customer Service Center at the appropriate Springfield or Chicago number listed above or send an email to DoIT.Helpdesk@Illinois.gov.

- No password resets will be conducted over the telephone by DoIT CSC staff.
- Please include your name, phone number, and specific application name, detail of the issue and error messages, if any, in your description of the problem within the email message to ensure efficient resolution.

LTC reopening REDCap form


- Use this link the **first** time you submit your facility's status:
<https://redcap.link/LTCreopening>
- Upon submission, you will be emailed a unique link. **Please use this unique link** to update the same form when updating status.
- You'll also be emailed a PDF of your form.

Long-Term Care Reopening Confirmation Resize font: 

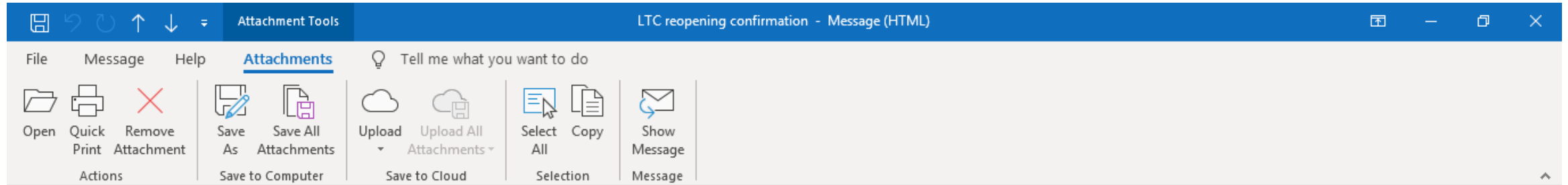
A facility must satisfy all the [reopening criteria](#) and must spend a minimum of 14 days in a given CMS phase, with no new, facility-onset COVID-19 cases, before advancing to the next CMS phase. The facility's administration performs a self-assessment of the facility's state of readiness for advancing, using the checklist of criteria provided below. To mark advancement to the next CMS phase, the administrator or designee first attests to the facility's readiness and intent to advance, via the following survey.

The facility should also use the survey to indicate a regression in phases.


Facilities should update this form when advancing or regressing phases. Upon submitting this survey, you will receive a confirmation email with a link so you can return and update this survey. Therefore, please make sure your email is entered correctly.


1) Today's Date	<input type="text" value="09-09-2020"/>  Today M-D-Y
2) Facility Name <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text" value="test 123"/> <small>Expand</small>
3) Facility License Number <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text" value="123"/>
4) Email address of facility administrator or designee <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text" value="angela.tang@illinois.gov"/>

LTC reopening REDCap form




LTC reopening confirmation

 dph.ltcreopening@illinois.gov
To Tang, Angela

 Reply  Reply All  Forward 

Wed 9/9/2020 11:32 AM

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17 KB

Phish Alert

<https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=kac7ibgdpl>
Click or tap to follow link.

+ Get more add-ins

Thank you for confirming your facility's reopening status. To update your facility's status, please access the survey at: [Long-Term Care Reopening Confirmation](https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=kac7ibgdpl)

Use this unique link to update your form

- Facilities should now update the form when advancing or regressing phases.
- There may be changes to the form in the coming days.

FAQ from last week

- Q: Will we be getting any guidance on a risk assessment for medically necessary trips to decide if the resident will have to be on 14 day isolation upon return?
- Q: We are fortunate to have large activity rooms. If we are in phase 2 or 3, can we hold an activity or event with more than 10 residents as long as all are socially distant?
- Q: Do Assisted Livings also report positive cases through I-NEDSS?

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>
- NHSN Data Assistance
 - Contact Telligen: **nursinghome@telligen.com**