COVID-19 Guidance Wrap-up
Week Ending October 9, 2020

This document provides a recap of guidance and other information. It is a resource to manage the evolving material for health care facilities and professionals as well as those entrusted to postmortem care. It is not meant to serve as an all-inclusive compilation.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK			
Date	**Title**	**New or Revised**	Audience
10/6/2020	Frequently Asked Questions – COVID-19 School Health Resources for School Nurses and Other School Health Care Personnel	New	School Nurses and Other School Health Care Personnel
10/9/2020	Frequently Asked Questions – Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Long-Term Care Facilities to Implement Measures for Use and Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment	New	Skilled Nursing Facilities and other Long-Term Care Facilities

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	**Audience**
On 10/5/2020, CMS published CMS Memorandum (Ref. QSO-21-02-NH) with the subject *Compliance with Residents' Rights Requirement related to Nursing Home Residents' Right to Vote*.	Skilled Nursing Facilities and stakeholders
On 10/5/2020, CDC updated its How COVID-19 is Spread webpage.	All

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	**Answer**
At our skilled nursing facility, we screen each staff member at the beginning of their shift. PA-HAN-530 says to actively screen all healthcare personnel for fever and COVID-19 symptoms at the start **and** end of their shift. Is it really required to screen both times?	On page 3 of CMS Memorandum (Ref. QSO-20-38-NH) dated 8/26/2020 with the *subject Interim Final Rule (IFC), CMS-3401-IFC, Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements and Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool* it states: *Regardless of the frequency of testing being performed or the facility's COVID-19 status, the facility should continue to screen all staff (each shift), each resident (daily), and all persons entering the facility, such as vendors, volunteers, and visitors, for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.* Screening should take place at the beginning of the shift. While screening at the end of the shift would be desirable as another data point, it is not required.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- On 10/2/2020, PA-HAN 529 - Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children was released.
- On 10/7/2020, PA-HAN 530 - Long-term Care Facility Guidance for Testing and Cohorting: Response to an Outbreak and Residents with Exposure to COVID-19 was released. This PA-HAN supersedes PA-HAN-509.
- On 10/8/2020, PA-HAN 531 - Guidance for Reporting Point of Care SARS-CoV-2 Test Results was released.
- On 10/8/2020, PA-HAN 532 - Point of Care Antigen Test Use and Interpretation was released.
- The second Everbridge Coronavirus Virtual Symposium, *The Road to Recovery Autumn 2020,* will take place on October 14-15, 2020. Click here to register for this free symposium.
- If you travel to a state with a high number of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. A list of those states has been created and is updated each Friday. The list published on 10/9/2020 includes the following **26** states: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Source	Address
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)	https://www.health.pa.gov/
DOH COVID-19 Info for Nursing Homes	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Hospitals	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Other Licensed Healthcare Facilities	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Health Care Professionals	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Dental Care	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Coroners/Medical Examiners	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Funeral Directors	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx
2020 DOH Health Alerts, Advisories and Updates	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	https://www.cdc.gov/