

*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
10/13/2020	<a href="#">Interim Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities During COVID-19</a>	Revised	Skilled Nursing Facilities

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	Audience
On 10/9/2020, CDC updated <a href="#">Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Isolation Gowns</a> .	Healthcare Providers and Professionals
On 10/14/2020, CMS updated the <a href="#">List of Telehealth Services</a> payable under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.	Healthcare Providers and Professionals
On 10/14/2020, CDC published considerations to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19 during <a href="#">Holiday Celebrations</a> .	All
On 10/14/2020, CDC published a number of documents related to vaccinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">8 Things to Know about Vaccine Planning</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans</a></li> </ul>	All

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
When implementing extended use of PPE, is there a recommended way to protect respirators from surface contamination in order to prolong their use?	During extended use of respirators, the PA Department of Health and the CDC recommends wearing a reusable face shield over a respirator to help protect these devices from potential surface contamination. Do not wear a surgical or cloth mask over a respirator. NIOSH has not approved nor recommends wearing a surgical or cloth mask over an N95 is because it is inconsistent with the conditions of approval and voids their certification. Furthermore, double-masking may cause the worker to more frequently touch the face to make adjustments, putting them at risk for self-contamination.

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- The Department of State has published the [2020 Voting Fact Sheet for Long Term Care Facilities](#).
- 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 10/16/2020 has one less state than the prior week. It includes the following **25** 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, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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