

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.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last issue of the *COVID-19 Guidance Wrap-up*. There are now multiple outlets for information, including the PA Healthcare Information Series Conference Calls held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm. Facilities can also find information on the [Coronavirus - Providers and Facilities](#) page of the Department of Health's (DOH) website and should continue to look to their DOH counterparts in Quality Assurance. Finally, if your facility has not yet subscribed to the [PA Health Alert Network](#), please do so.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK			
Date	Title	New or Revised	Audience
10/27/2020	Guidance on Hospitals' Responses to COVID-19	Revised	Hospitals and Long-Term Care Facilities

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	Audience
On 10/29/2020, CDC released Trends in the Use of Telehealth During the Emergence of the COVID-19 Pandemic - United States, January-March 2020	Public health and healthcare professionals
On 10/30/2020, CDC provided a COVID-19 Science Update .	Public health and healthcare professionals
On 10/30/2020, CDC updated Things to Know about the COVID-19 Pandemic	All

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
<p>If a staff member from a skilled nursing facility was hospitalized for a reason other than COVID-19, is he/she required to remain under transmission-based precautions for 14 days following the hospitalization?</p>	<p>At this time, there is no guidance to address this specific situation. Your facility should discuss and make a decision. If you decide to allow the employee to return to work prior to 14 days since release from the hospital, keep in mind the following minimum standard precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow all recommended infection prevention and control practices, including wearing a facemask for source control while at work, monitoring themselves for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and not reporting to work when ill, and undergoing active screening for fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 at the beginning and end of their shift. If the employee develops fever or symptoms consistent with COVID-19, he/she should immediately self-isolate and contact their established point of contact (e.g., occupational health program) to arrange for medical evaluation and testing.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 10/26/2020, the Department of Health published PA-HAN 533 - Additional Factors to Determine Close Contacts of Persons with COVID-19 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 10/30/2020 added several new states. It now includes the following: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, 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

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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/