COVID-19 Resources for LTC/LTPAC

In-Service Education Tools
- Common Carriers of Infection Nursing In-Service Tool
- Common Infections in Nursing Facilities Nursing In-Service Tool

Tools
- Infection Preventionist Job Description
- §483.30 Infection Control Tool

Articles
- Infection Surveillance: How to Beef Up Your Program
- Optimize the Infection Preventionist’s QAPI/QAA Role
- Infection Prevention and Control Audits: Start with Hand Hygiene

CMS

Coronavirus Resources
- March 26 – CMS Approves 12 Additional State Medicaid Waivers to Give States Flexibility to Address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- March 23 – CMS Approves Medicaid Section 1135 Waivers for 11 Additional States in Response to COVID-19
- March 23 – Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 Medicare
- March 23 – QSO-20-20-All – Prioritization of Survey Activities
- March 23 – Kirkland, Washington Update and Survey Prioritization Fact Sheet
- March 23 – ICD-10 MS-DRGs Version 37.1 R1 Effective April 1, 2020
- March 22 – CMS Announces Relief for Clinicians, Providers, Hospitals and Facilities Participating in Quality Reporting Programs in Response to COVID-19
- March 22 – Trump Administration Releases COVID-19 Checklists and Tools to Accelerate Relief for State Medicaid & CHIP Programs
- March 19 – CMS Approves Washington State’s Request for 1135 Medicaid Waivers
- March 18 – CMS Releases Recommendations on Adult Elective Surgeries, Non-Essential Medical, Surgical, and Dental Procedures During COVID-19 Response
- March 18 – FAQs on Catastrophic Plan Coverage and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- March 17 – Medicare State Plan Fee-for-Service Payments for Services Delivered Via Telehealth
- March 17 – Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet
- March 17 – Medicare Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- March 17 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Partner Toolkit
- March 17 – CMS Approves First State Request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver in Florida
- March 16 – Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- March 13 – CMS Takes Action Nationwide to Aggressively Respond to Coronavirus National Emergency
• March 13 – Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in nursing homes (REVISED)
• March 13 – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings
• March 13 – Findings Concerning Section 1812(f) of the Social Security Act in Response to the Effects of the 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak
• March 12 – CMS Publishes First Set of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for State Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Agencies [Updated March 18]
• March 10 – Guidance for Use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care Personnel
• March 10 – CMS Sends More Detailed Guidance to Providers about COVID-19
• March 10 – Frequently Asked Questions for State Survey Agency and Accrediting Organization Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
• March 10 – CMS Issues Guidance to help Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans Respond to COVID-19
• March 10 – CMS Issues Key Protective Mask Guidance for Healthcare Workers
• March 9 – Telehealth Benefits in Medicare are a Lifeline for Patients During Coronavirus Outbreak
• March 9 – FAQs Related to Medicare Payment for Lab Tests and Other Services Related to COVID-19
• March 4 – CMS Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus [Note: The QSO Memo in this article has been updated – see March 13 above.]
• CMS Prepares Nation’s Healthcare Facilities for Coronavirus Threat
• Public Health News Alert: CMS Develops New Code for Coronavirus Lab Test
• Information for Healthcare Facilities Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness (2019-nCoV)

Infection Control and Emergency Preparedness Resources

• Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Long Term Care (LTC) Infection Control Worksheet – LTC Facility Self-Assessment Tool
• Emergency Preparedness Webpage
• QSO19-06-ALL – Emergency Preparedness- Updates to Appendix Z of the State Operations Manual (SOM)
• Adult Immunization Resources for Providers

The CDC

• March 24 – Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
• March 24 – CDC COCA Call for March 24 Rescheduled to March 27: Underlying Medical Conditions and People at Higher Risk for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
• March 23 – CDC COCA Call on March 25 – COVID-19 Update: Optimization Strategies for Healthcare Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
• March 23 – Information for Clinicians on Therapeutic Options for COVID-19 Patients
• March 23 – Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living
• March 23 – Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance)
• March 22 – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): People who are at higher risk for severe illness
• March 22 – Help Keep our Residents Safe from COVID-19 fillable letter
• March 17 – Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE
• March 16 – Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 (Interim Guidance)
• March 16 – CDC COCA Call on March 17 – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update and Information for Long-term Care Facilities
• March 13 – Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities
• March 12 – CDC Webinar on March 13 at 2pm ET – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update and Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations
• March 11 – Interim Additional Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Nursing Homes
• March 10 – Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission
• Updated March 10 – Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or Persons Under Investigation for 2019-nCoV in Healthcare Settings
• March 7 – CDC HAN 429: Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for COVID-19
• Sequence for Putting on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
• Prevent the Spread in LTC Facilities
• Handwashing Video Library
• Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) About 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)
• Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information for Healthcare Professionals
• Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary
• Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Resources for Healthcare Facilities [Updated March 16]
• Flowchart to Identify and Assess 2019 Novel Coronavirus
• Checklist for Healthcare Facilities: Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators during the COVID-19 Response
• (Developed with CMS) – Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training Course

World Health Organization Resources

• March 6 – Mental Health Considerations during COVID-19 Outbreak
• Rational use of personal protective equipment for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Other Resources

• March 25 – The National Library of Medicine expands access to coronavirus literature through PubMed Central from National Institutes of Health
• March 23 – Frequently Asked Questions Regarding COVID-19 and PALTC: When COVID-19 Is Currently In Your Regional Community (i.e., Community Spread) – from AMDA
• March 23 – A Master List of All of the Booze Companies Making Hand Sanitizer – The Takeout
• March 19 – COVID-19 Door to Door Inpatient User’s Guide – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 18 – Nebraska Medicine COVID-19 PPE Guidance: Extended Use and Limited Reuse of Disposable Facemasks, Respirators and Protective Eyewear – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 18 – State Data and Policy Actions to Address Coronavirus – from Kaiser Family Foundation
• March 17 – COVID 19 – How to safely transport inpatients – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 17 – New coronavirus stable for hours on surfaces – from National Institutes of Health
• March 17 – Caring for PALTC Residents with Dementia During the COVID-19 Outbreak – from AMDA
• March 16 – Guidance for Transporting Patients with or under investigation for COVID-19 – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 16 – COVID-19 Symptomatic Line List Template Spreadsheet – from AMDA
• March 16 – Active Screening of Residents – from AMDA
• March 16 – COVID-19 Facility Exposure Management – After you have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 – from AMDA
• March 15 – Strategies for Mitigating the Emotional Impact of COVID-19 – from AMDA
• March 13 – Data Note: How might Coronavirus Affect Residents in Nursing Facilities? – from Kaiser Family Foundation
• March 12 – COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment: Doffing – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 11 – PPE for the Care of Patients Infected or Suspected with COVID-19 [Video] – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 11 – AMDA Webinar on March 12: Our facility has COVID-19: What you should do now & how to best to prepare for a COVID outbreak – from AMDA
• March 9 – Recommendations for LTC COVID-19 – from the Washington State Department of Health
• March 6 – PPE for COVID-19 Infographic – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 6 – COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment: Donning – from Nebraska Medicine and the University of Minnesota Medical Center
• March 6 – COVID-19 Healthcare Planning Checklist – from HHS
• March 6 – Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Training and Exercise Resources – slides and recorded webinar – from ASPR TRACIE
• March 5 – Duty to Plan: Health Care, Crisis Standards of Care, and Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 – from National Academy of Medicine
• March 5 – Best Practices for Managing COVID-19 in SNFs – recorded webinar – from Washington PA CLTC

Infection Prevention and Control Resources
• March 17 – Focused Infection Control Surveys in Nursing Facilities – From Texas Health and Human Services
• Clean Hands Count for Safe Healthcare
Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — United States, 2020

OSHA
- COVID-19 – Overview
- Key OSHA standards for COVID-19
- Healthcare Workers and Employers
- Workers’ Rights and Employers’ Responsibilities

Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP)
- Unmasked: Experts explain necessary respiratory protection for COVID-19

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
- Infectious Diseases – Coronaviruses

From the Employers Council
- Employer Obligations to Protect Employees from Coronavirus

National Studies on Infection Control
- Nursing Home Infection Control Program Characteristics, CMS Citations, and Implementation of Antibiotic Stewardship Policies: A National Study