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New OSHA Resources: Low/Unavailable PPE and Reporting Staff Cases

AHCA/NCAL released four new resources on guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on critically low or unavailable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). These new resources are applicable to all long term care providers.

- [A form letter](#) providers can fill in when responding to OSHA inquiries due to complaints regarding limited or unavailable PPE.
 - [A document](#) on OSHA guidance when PPE is critically low or unavailable including steps providers can follow.
 - [An explanation](#) of OSHA and CDC guidance on N95 respirators that are critically low or unavailable. This resource provides five options with guidance on what to do for a limited supply of N95 or other respirators to no N95 or other respirators available.
 - [A document](#) with updated guidance from OSHA on employer recording and reporting requirements for COVID-19.
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New CMS Cohorting Guidance

Today, CMS released detailed [guidance on long term care facility transfers](#). This matches the [cohorting guidance](#) that AHCA/NCAL shared with you previously.

All nursing homes and assisted living communities should make plans for cohorting residents even before COVID-19 enters the building. Cohorting is imperative to help control the spread of the virus. If possible, nursing homes and assisted living communities should also begin preparing wings, units or floors as “isolation units”. Isolation unit should be a separate, well-ventilated

area, ideally with a separate entrance.

CMS “Office Hours” on COVID-19 Tomorrow

CMS is hosting a call for providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS’s temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
- Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
- Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
- Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

Conference lines are limited, so they highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser.

Tuesday, April 14th
5:00 – 6:00 PM EDT
Toll-Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820
Event Plus Passcode: 2395745
[Join via Audio Webcast](#)

National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) COVID-19 Webinar Series

In this webinar series, NETEC is providing facilities with the tools to educate health care workers and share preparedness best practices. NETEC will highlight subject matter experts who have been immersed in the many challenges and topics around COVID-19.

Telemedicine Innovations

Monday, April 13, 2020 | 1:00 PM CDT

Emory Healthcare has rapidly increased telemedicine on the outpatient and inpatient sides in response to the Covid Crisis. Learn about their approach before and during COVID, and they'll discuss possible post COVID scenarios.

[Look for the recording soon to be available.](#)

Healthcare Workers and Masks

Friday, April 17, 2020 | 11:00 AM CDT

The what, how and why of masks for healthcare workers caring for patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[Register](#)

All previous recordings and upcoming events can be found [here](#).

Update: CMS Revises COVID-19 FAQs on FFS Billing

CMS posted an updated version of their [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on Medicare Fee-for-Service \(FFS\) Billing document](#). A change date is provided below each answer to indicate new and updated answers. The document is largely a repackaging of existing CMS guidance.

Please email COVID19@ahca.org for additional questions, or visit ahcancal.org/coronavirus for more information.

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