



OKLAHOMA

State Department of Health

Message from Commissioner Gary Cox

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Scope and Authority of Long-Term Care Task Forces

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has initiated long-term care task forces to assist with:

- Investigations of communicable contagious or infectious diseases
- Inquiries and studies concerning the cause of disease
- Take measures as deemed necessary by the Commissioner to control/suppress, or prevent the occurrence or spread of any communicable contagious or infectious disease, and
- To provide for the segregation and isolation of persons having or suspected of having any such disease

Some of the duties and activities you can expect from the task force groups include:

- Observing and consulting on infection control practices
- Monitor for appropriate personal protective equipment use (PPE)
- Monitor PPE use rates, and
- Perform and/or assist in testing residents and staff as circumstances warrant and resources permit

Be sure to read the Commissioner's [complete task force guidance](#), including contact lists for each Long-Term Care Task Force Leads and Regional Medical Response System Coordinators.

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