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State Department of Health

LTC Provider Call Agenda, CMS Guidance Reopening Nursing Homes, Specimen Collection

May 20, 2020

Reminder! LTC COVID-19 CALL TODAY, Wednesday May 20th, 2020

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 conference call on **Today, May 20th, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**

The conference call will include information and discussion of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions and answer. The conference call is open to Owners, Operators, Administrator and Executive Staff of Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Continuum of Care Facilities, Assisted Living Centers, Residential Care Homes and Adult Day Care Centers.

[You can access the agenda here.](#)

Wednesday, May 20th, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Access Information

USA Toll-Free: 888-363-4735
Access Code: 1177868

Key Guidance from May 13th Conference Call:

The Long-Term Care Survey Division, Mike Cook, Service Director, along with James Joslin, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, provided the weekly LTC COVID-19 Provider

Conference Call on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020. [The May 13th call recording is available here.](#)

[Click here to download the key guidance from the call.](#)

Tune in each Wednesday at 1:00 to receive the most current guidance related to the prevention and management of the coronavirus.

Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations for State and Local Officials

CMS is providing recommendations to help determine the level of mitigation needed to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in nursing homes.

The recommendations cover the following items:

- Criteria for relaxing certain restrictions and mitigating the risk of resurgence: Factors to inform decisions for relaxing nursing home restrictions through a phased approach.
- Visitation and Service Considerations: Considerations allowing visitation and services in each phase.
- Restoration of Survey Activities: Recommendations for restarting certain surveys in each phase.

To read the complete guidance, press release, and FAQs, visit the following links:

[Press Release](#)

[Guidance QSO-20-30-NH](#)

[FAQs](#)

Nasal (Anterior Nasal) Specimen Collection for COVID-19 Testing

This [fact sheet](#) provides guidance on the new mid-turbinate swab specimen collection being used by the Task Force teams. This specimen collection is designed to be more comfortable and less invasive.

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