



# OKLAHOMA

## State Department of Health

### CMS Nursing and Skilled Nursing Facility Updates

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## CMS Final Rule Updating Requirement for Notification of Confirmed/Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff

### THIS GUIDANCE APPLIES to NURSING HOMES AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES ONLY

CMS has released the memo with the [\*Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes\*](#). The [COVID Focus Survey Tool](#) is extracted from the memo as its own document. This tool will be used by facilities for their own self-assessment. The memo describes the process nursing and skilled nursing facilities will use to report COVID-19 Information to CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). The [NHSN Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Module](#) is available. Facilities must access to the NHSN system and visit the home page for important information, including how to register here: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/enroll.html>. The memo provides an overview of the registration process.

### Updates to the COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes

CMS has updated the "COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes," "Entrance Conference Worksheet," "COVID-19 Focused Survey Protocol," and "Summary of the COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes" to include an updated assessment of the new requirements for facilities to report to the NHSN and to residents, their representatives, and their families. Surveyors will begin using these revised documents immediately, and **facilities should also begin using the revised "COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes" to perform their self-assessment.**

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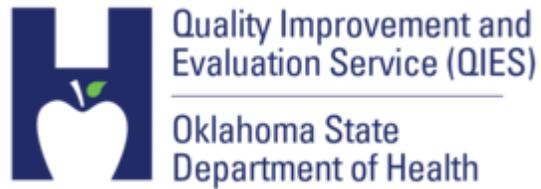
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