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State Department of Health

Incident Report Form, New Testing Requirements, National Nursing Home Training Program

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Incident Report Form OSDH Form 283- Effective immediately

The Oklahoma State Department of Health Form 283 – Incident Report Form requires the reporting of all communicable diseases to Long Term Care Services.

In addition, the form also requires you to contact Acute Disease Service as well. A modification is being made for COVID-19 reportables.

If you are reporting COVID-19 to Acute Disease Service please contact Long Term Care Services at 405-271-9444 ext 57920.

To report any other communicable disease please contact Acute Disease Services at 405-271-4060.

To locate Form 283 visit our [LTC COVID Resource page](#) and click on “Provider Guidance” and then “OSDH” anchor at the top of the page.

New Testing Requirements for Nursing Homes

The following guidance applies to Medicare/Medicaid certified Skilled Nursing and Nursing Facilities only.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced regulatory changes today that require nursing homes to test staff and offer testing to residents for COVID-19. Laboratories and nursing homes using point-of-care testing devices will be required to report diagnostic test results as required by the CARES Act. The new rules also require hospitals to provide COVID-19 cases and related data to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Routinely testing staff was previously recommended, but now it is a requirement for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. CMS plans to provide additional guidance on the frequency of staff testing and the frequency will be based on the degree of community spread. Additionally, nursing homes are required to offer tests to residents when there is an outbreak or residents show symptoms of COVID-19.

Facilities that do not comply with the new requirements could be cited for non-compliance and may face enforcement sanctions based on the severity of the noncompliance, such as civil money penalties in excess of \$400 per day, or over \$8,000 for an instance of noncompliance.

Full details from CMS of the effects on nursing homes, labs, hospitals and physicians can be [found here](#).

National Nursing Home Training Program

In an additional announcement today, CMS indicated the COVID-19 training modules first mentioned in July is now available for frontline staff and management personnel.

There are five front-line staff training modules titled “CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff”. These modules address some of the most common concerns found by surveyors and strike teams, basic infection control and prevention. The modules are focused on the most urgent needs of frontline nursing home staff.

The training for management, called “CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Nursing Home Management” covers 10 topics separated into 10 modules. These modules are comprehensive, focusing on infection control and cleanliness but also larger institution-wide issues like implementation of telehealth, emergency preparedness, and vaccine delivery.

CMS directed the Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) to include the training in the action plans that QIOs develop in collaboration with each nursing home they assist. This will help ensure that nursing homes are building the training into their existing quality improvement efforts.

The training modules are available on the CMS [Quality, Safety & Education Portal](#).