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## **ISDH – COVID-19 Information Updates**

The following documents have been recently updated. Updated information is highlighted in yellow.

- [COVID – 19 Information for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [COVID – 19 Guidance for Hospital Discharge to Long-Term Care](#)
- [Guidance for out-of-hospital facilities](#)
- [COVID-19 Toolkit for LTCFs \(ISDH\)](#) (Updated 8/24/20)
- [COVID-19 LTC Facility Infection Control Guidance SOP \(ISDH\)](#) (updated 8/24/20)

These documents are also available: [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

## **NHSN LTC, Public Health Investigator – Melissa Meador**

Long term care facilities are required to report COVID-19 information to the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). For assistance and support LTC facilities can now contact

Melissa Meador, NHSN LTC, Public Health Investigator. Melissa's duties include helping facilities navigate the COVID-19 module, providing guidance for data entered into NHSN, assisting with facility enrollment and on-boarding, and offering NHSN support.

Contact Information: Melissa Meador - [mmeador1@isdh.in.gov](mailto:mmeador1@isdh.in.gov) or 317-439-8772.

## **QSOG-20-03 NH/HHA/CLIA – Notice of Final Rule Adjusting Civil Monetary Penalties (CMPs) for Inflation**

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 requires federal agencies to publish annual penalty inflation adjustments. The January 17, 2020, final rule provides for an adjustment of CMPs that may be imposed for noncompliance by SNF/NFs, HHAs, and Clinical laboratories. The final rule only affects specific CMP amounts and not any other related provisions, such as the factors reviewed for assessing CMPs. For 2020, CMPs have been increased by a multiplier of 1.01764. The annual adjustments are based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October of a current year in which the amount of each CMP was most recently established or modified.

Complete Information: [QSOG-20-03 NH/HHA/CLIA – Notice of Final Rule Adjusting Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation](#)

## **QSO-20-35-ALL – Enforcement Cases Held during the Prioritization Period and Revised Survey Prioritization**

CMS is committed to taking critical steps to ensure America's health care facilities continue to be prepared in response to the threat of the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19).

CMS is expanding long-term care guidance in the following areas:

- Expansion of Survey Activities
- Enforcement Guidance
- Expanded Desk Review Policy
- Enforcement Cycle started BEFORE March 23, 2020
- Enforcement Cycle started ON March 23, 2020 THROUGH May 31, 2020
- Enforcement Cycle started ON OR AFTER June 1, 2020
- CMP Collections

Detailed Information: [QSO-20-35-ALL – Enforcement Cases Held during the Prioritization Period and Revised Survey Prioritization](#)

## **Announcement – CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management – Webinar Series**

Thank you for the interest in the National CMS/CDC Nursing Home COVID-19 Training Series. Starting on August 20, **the live webinar series will transition to a pre-recorded, self-paced format**. The new [CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management](#) training series will include 13 topics that your nursing home partners must know to manage the COVID-19 pandemic. These trainings will be housed on [QIOProgram.org](#) for 24/7 access.

New, pre-recorded trainings will be released every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. EST through September 2020. CMS and CDC will have subject matter experts available on bi-weekly Q&A sessions through early January 2021 to answer questions you may have about the trainings.

**What isn't changing:** Access to certificates of participation are still available for those who complete Fundamentals trainings and those who have participated in the live training series. Watch your email for details on how to access these resources in the coming weeks.

To keep your nursing home training momentum going, please take a moment to complete the following:

- [Sign up for updates to CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management training](#), including new training releases, resources and tools.
- [Register for upcoming Q&A sessions](#).
- **Forward this email to your long-term care friends and colleagues** so they can receive information and updates about the CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management training.

Questions? Please contact the Nursing Home Trainings support team at [NursingHomeTrainings@thebizzellgroup.com](mailto:NursingHomeTrainings@thebizzellgroup.com).

**Live Q&A Sessions Advance Registration Required: [Register here](#)**