

Welcome and Introductions

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Announcement: Emergency Preparedness Survey

- You'll get a survey soon from the ***Statewide AFC/HFA All Hazards Planning Committee***
- Survey will have questions about your facility's emergency preparedness, and "lessons learned" from the COVID-19 response
- Your responses will guide the Committee as they develop a **template** to help you write more complete, all-encompassing emergency preparedness plans for your facilities
- We'll have a presentation on this in 2 weeks!

Today's topics and guests

- **Recap of May 21st Requirements for Residential Care Facilities**
Katie Commey, Manager
Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects
- **Answers to your questions from previous presentations**
Katie Commey
Denise Parr, IPRAT Lead Manager
(IPRAT = Infection Prevention Resource & Assessment Team)

Review of MDHHS Epidemic Orders: Visitation & Testing



Katie Commey, MPH

Strategic Partnerships and Special Projects
Medical Services Administration

Which facilities are subject to MDHHS visitation requirements?

“Residential Care Facilities” as defined in the [May 21, 2021 Requirements for Residential Care Facilities](#) Epidemic Order means a **nursing home, home for the aged, adult foster care facility, hospice facility, substance use disorder residential facility, or assisted living facility**. It does not include independent living facilities.

How does the MDHHS May 21, 2021 Epidemic Order relate to CMS guidelines?

MDHHS has specific epidemic orders for necessary actions to protect the public during a pandemic. Similarly, CMS issues “QSO” guidelines. MDHHS has aligned current visitation requirements with [CMS QSO-20-39-NH](#), revised 4.27.21.

CMS QSO-20-39-NH – Key Points

- Facilities should be offering visitation
- Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention
- Exceptions / Special Provisions
- Communal Activities and Dining
- CDC guidance re: [Core Principles](#), [Vaccination](#), relative to visitation

Can facilities require visitors to wear a new mask that the facility provides over the mask that the visitor wears when coming into the facility?

MDHHS follows CMS and CDC guidance including core principles of infection prevention during visitation. CDC guidelines indicate that when a well-fitting mask is used, double masking is not required.

The CMS visitation guidance document provides three scenarios for “limiting” indoor visitation. Does limitation mean that indoor visitation is prohibited or typically not advisable?

MDHHS strongly advises against visitation in the noted scenarios, but limitations imposed in those circumstances are at the facility’s discretion. The Local Health Department may also impose restrictions on visitation due to outbreak and or other scenarios.

Can a facility choose to be more restrictive than the MDHHS, CMS and/or CDC guidelines?

Facilities have some flexibility in how to manage visitation and visitor flow applying restrictions such as on length of visits, when visits can occur, where in the facility visits occur, etc. These restrictions should be based on clinical decisions and infection control practices. However, a facility cannot deny visitation unless directed to do so by their local health department.

If we have a facility in which all residents are vaccinated, can multiple residents meet with a fully vaccinated visitor?

Facilities have the ability to make visitation guidelines that support their infection prevention and control protocol, but if all parties are vaccinated, it would generally be permitted.

If both resident and visitor are fully vaccinated, can the visitor join for a meal?

Facilities must apply core infection prevention protocol when considering allowance for this scenario.

Which facilities are subject to MDHHS testing requirements?

The [May 5, 2021 Testing in Skilled Nursing Facilities, Homes for the Aged, and Adult Foster Care](#) Facilities Epidemic Order applies to adult foster care facilities licensed to care for 13 individuals or more, home for the aged, and nursing home facilities.

How does the MDHHS May 5, 2021 Epidemic Order relate to CMS guidelines?

MDHHS testing strategy is informed by CMS [CMS QSO-20-38-NH](#), revised 4.27.21.

Nursing homes must follow both federal (CMS) and state (MDHHS) testing requirements.

Under the current MDHHS order, how often should unvaccinated staff be tested? CMS bases testing of unvaccinated staff on county positivity rate for the frequency. Which testing requirement do facilities follow?

AFC and HFA facilities follow MDHHS testing guidelines. Unvaccinated staff must be tested weekly.

If staff has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, do they have to be tested for the next 3 months?

Asymptomatic individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months should not be tested. The facility should document any exception granted for this reason and maintain in their records.

Do staff that are fully vaccinated need to quarantine after an exposure?

The vaccinated staff exposed does not need to quarantine but needs to be screened for signs/symptoms of infection per CDC guidelines.

Is there an expected update to MDHHS visitation and/or testing epidemic order in the near future?

There is not a specific date identified for future updates. However, MDHHS continues to follow current CDC and CMS guidance as well as community conditions to inform epidemic orders.

Concluding Remarks



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Reminder

A recording of today's presentation will be sent to the groups below, and they will email it to their members.

- Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
- Michigan Assisted Living Association
- Michigan Center for Assisted Living
- Leading Age of Michigan

You can also download the slides from our presentations at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Click the RESOURCES tab and select "For AFC and HFA Operators." Scroll to bottom of page.

Send your questions/comments to:

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