

COVID-19 Guidance Wrap-up Week Ending August 7, 2020

This document provides a recap of guidance and other information. It is a resource to manage the evolving material for health care facilities and professionals as well as those entrusted to postmortem care. It is not meant to serve as an all-inclusive compilation.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK				
Date	Title	New or Revised	Audience	
None				

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY			
Title	Audience		
COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit: Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns	Healthcare Decision Makers		
Hurricane Resources at Your Fingertips (Updated 8/03/2020)	Hospital/Healthcare Facility Emergency Managers/ Administrators, Long Term Care facilities, Behavioral/Mental Health Professionals, Emergency Management/Public Health Preparedness Professionals		
Considerations for Wearing Masks	Everyone		

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY			
Question	Answer		
Where can I find information about COVID testing sites?	The most updated testing sites and information is available on the Department of Health's website.		
A direct care worker was working during their infectious period. They wore their mask religiously. Are any patients considered exposed?	Yes. Anyone who has prolonged close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) should be considered potentially exposed. This does not depend on the PPE worn by either the HCW or the patient.		

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- On August 3, 2020, the Department of Health <u>announced</u> various Walmart locations across the state will begin in providing drive-thru testing for residents living in areas where there is a need for testing sites..
- If you travel to a state with a high number of COVID-19 cases, it is recommended that you stay at home for 14 days upon return to Pennsylvania. A <u>list of those states</u> has been created and is



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updated each Friday. On August 6, 2020, the list of states changed. The current list is as follows: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin.

- The Department of Health published <u>PAHAN-520-08-07-20 UPD Infection Prevention Update</u>.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Department of Education recommended that Prek-12 school and recreational youth sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021 to protect children and teens from COVID-19. Click here for the press release.

FOR MORE INFORMATION				
Source	Address			
Pennsylvania	https://www.health.pa.gov/			
Department of Health				
(DOH)				
Process for Reopening	https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/			
Pennsylvania				
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-			
for Nursing Homes	<u>Homes.aspx</u>			
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx			
for Hospitals				
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-			
for Other Licensed	<u>Facilities.aspx</u>			
Healthcare Facilities				
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-			
for Health Care	<u>Professionals.aspx</u>			
Professionals				
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-			
for Dental Care	<u>Care.aspx</u>			
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx			
for Coroners/Medical				
Examiners				
DOH COVID-19 Info	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-			
for Funeral Directors	<u>Directors.aspx</u>			
2020 DOH Health	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx			
Alerts, Advisories and				
Updates				
Centers for Disease	https://www.cdc.gov/			
Control and				
Prevention				