

*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
9/3/2020	<a href="#">Guidance on COVID-19 for Skilled Nursing Facilities in Pennsylvania</a>	Revised	Skilled Nursing Facilities, residents' family members, and stakeholders

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	Audience
<a href="#">From Research to Response: Survey Shifts Gears During COVID-19 – The Research and Development Survey (RANDS) has been leveraged to produce data about access to healthcare, use of telemedicine, and loss of work due to illness from COVID-19.</a>	Public health and healthcare professionals and researchers
<a href="#">How to Make 0.1% Chlorine Solution to Disinfect Surfaces in Healthcare Settings</a>	Healthcare professionals
<a href="#">Coronavirus Self-Checker</a>	General public
<a href="#">Federal Register Notice: Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19</a>	General public

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
Our skilled nursing facility has created a plan for screening (aka surveillance testing). Does the Department of Health need to approve that plan?	No, the Department of Health does not need to approve that plan. However, the plan should be created in accordance with guidance from <a href="#">CMS</a> and the <a href="#">Department of Health</a> .
As a skilled nursing facility, we are aligning with Department of Health and CMS guidance regarding testing. If the county positivity rate on the Department's dashboard differs from the CMS data, which should we use?	Per CMS Interim Final Rule, facilities should use the CMS county positivity rate data.

## OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- On 9/1/2020, Governor Tom Wolf signed a second renewal of his 90-day disaster declaration for the COVID-19 pandemic. Click [here](#) for the press release.
- On 9/1/2020, Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller and Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine announced that 100 percent of the 1,363 DHS-licensed assisted living residences, personal care homes, and private intermediate care facilities have completed universal baseline COVID-19 testing by the 8/31/2020 deadline set in Secretary Levine's Order. Click [here](#) for the press release.
- 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 [list of those states](#) has been created and is updated each Friday. On 9/4/2020, the list of states changed. The current list is as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Source	Address
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/">https://www.health.pa.gov/</a>
Process for Reopening Pennsylvania	<a href="https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/">https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Nursing Homes	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Hospitals	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Other Licensed Healthcare Facilities	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Health Care Professionals	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Dental Care	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Coroners/Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Funeral Directors	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx</a>

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2020 DOH Health Alerts, Advisories and Updates	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx</a>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/">https://www.cdc.gov/</a>