

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
9/4/2020	What is Compassionate Care Fact Sheet	New	Skilled nursing facilities and families of residents in skilled nursing facilities
9/4/2020	Compassionate Care Visitation Vs. Regular Nursing Home Visitation	New	Skilled nursing facilities and families of residents in skilled nursing facilities
9/8/2020	Compassionate Caregiver Vs. Regular Nursing Home Visitor Infographic	New	Skilled nursing facilities and families of residents in skilled nursing facilities

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	Audience
Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)	Clinicians caring for patients with COVID-19
CDC's Interim Guidance for General Population Disaster Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic	Personnel assisting with general population disaster shelters
Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19	Employers of critical infrastructure workers

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
Our skilled nursing facility conducted screening testing and are still waiting for results more than 48 hours later. Do we need to notify anyone that the results are not back yet?	There is no need to notify the Department of Health, but the facility needs to document the challenges and be prepared to share them during their survey.
As a skilled nursing facility, we want to confirm that Compassionate Caregivers and end of life visitors are two distinct groups. Could you please verify that end of life visitors do not require a negative test at this point to visit (unless they are also Compassionate Caregivers)?	Yes, that is correct. A Compassionate Caregiver in the updated Guidance on COVID-19 for Skilled Nursing Facilities in Pennsylvania requires a negative test result for COVID-19 before initiating Caregiving duties. Those who are not Compassionate Caregivers and are visiting a resident at the end of life do not require such a test result at this point.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- On 9/8/2020, Governor Wolf announced restaurants may increase indoor occupancy to 50 percent starting 9/21/2020. Click [here](#) for the press release.
- On 9/10/2020, [HAN 524 \(updated\)](#), [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in a Healthcare Setting](#) was released.
- The first set of data from the National Center for Health Statistics' [Household Pulse Survey](#) is available. The survey addresses health care access and mental health amid the pandemic.
- 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 9/11/2020, three states were removed from the list, leaving the following: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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