

*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
<a href="#">CMS Memorandum (Ref. QSO-20-39-NH) dated September 17, 2020, Nursing Home Visitation - COVID-19</a>	Skilled nursing facilities
<a href="#">CMS Fact Sheet: Service Use among Medicaid &amp; CHIP Beneficiaries age 18 and Under during COVID-19</a>	Health care providers and public health professionals
CDC has created a series called <a href="#">COVID-19 Science Update</a> to provide brief summaries of COVID-19 related studies on many topics, including epidemiology, clinical treatment and management, laboratory science, and modeling.	Health care providers, public health professionals, and epidemiologists

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
The Department of Health's guidance for skilled nursing facilities dated 9/3/2020, conflicts were some aspects of CMS Memorandum (Ref. QSO-20-39-NH) dated 9/17/2020 regarding nursing home visitation. Which should our facility follow?	The Department of Health is reviewing the recent CMS Memorandums (Ref. <a href="#">QSO-20-38-NH</a> dated 8/26/2020 and Ref. <a href="#">QSO-20-39-NH</a> dated 9/3/2020) for purposes of updating existing guidance. If there is conflict between one of these CMS Memorandums and the guidance, follow the CMS Memorandum.
In complying with the <a href="#">Secretary of Health's Order</a> regarding personal protective equipment (issued 8/17/2020), our skilled nursing facility needs clarification about which respirators require fit testing and where we can obtain the fit test.	Fit testing is required for all filtering facepiece respirators. Skilled nursing facilities are encouraged to contact the <a href="#">Regional Response Health Collaboration</a> program assigned to their facility for assistance with fit testing.

### OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION

- On 9/21/2020, [HAN 527 – Testing and Management Guidance for Patients After Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#) was released.
- On 9/22/2020, the mobile [COVID Alert PA app](#) to help fight the spread of the virus. This free app notifies users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 without revealing their identity or location. 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 9/25/2020, some states were added to the list while others were removed. The current list is as follows: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Source	Address
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/">https://www.health.pa.gov/</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>
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>