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Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

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NAT and QMA Training Programs Information

Please submit all information regarding Nurse Aide Training (NAT) and Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) Training Programs to ISDHLtctrainingprograms@isdh.IN.gov. This includes initial applications for program approvals, program renewals, master schedules and requests to add or delete classroom or clinical sites. Any questions regarding NAT and QMA Training Programs can also be sent to this email address.

Accurately Reporting COVID-19 Vaccination Booster/Third Dose

Long-term care facilities should report the number of residents and staff who have received an additional COVID-19 vaccination or booster. These data are cumulative and reported weekly. Facilities should report the total number of residents or staff who received an additional or booster dose since boosters became available in August 2021, **not** the number of staff/residents who received an additional dose/booster that week.

EXAMPLE: If you have 37 residents who have been vaccinated with an additional dose/booster since August 2021 and 10 residents received a booster the week of Jan. 10, you will enter 47 into that field.

Instructions for reporting additional dose data for the new question 4 and question 5 on the data collection form can be found on the following webpage that includes training materials, data collection forms, a table of instruction documents and other supporting materials: Weekly HCP & Resident COVID-19 Vaccination | LTCF | NHSN | CDC.

Frequently asked questions have been updated (please see questions 38-43) and can be accessed using this link: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/hps/weekly-covid-vac/faqs.html.

Please log into the NHSN and review your facility's data. If data has been entered incorrectly, please correct and resubmit these data at your earliest convenience.

Accurately Reporting COVID-19 Deaths

Please pay close attention to how you are reporting COVID-19 deaths. This data reported is not cumulative. You should be reporting only the number of new COVID-19 deaths since the last time you entered data.

EXAMPLE: If you have 0 deaths during the week of Jan. 10, the number of deaths you would report for that week is 0.

Instructions for Completion of the COVID-19 Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway Form (CDC 57.144)

If you have any questions or issues reporting, please contact Melissa Meador at 317-439-8772 or mmeador1@isdh.in.gov.

New Antigen Testing Algorithm for Residents of Congregate Living Settings

CDC has released a new antigen testing algorithm for residents of congregate living settings. Please see the tool created by IDOH based on CDC's algorithm.

LTC COVID-19 IP Toolkit – Links corrected

The nonworking links in the LTC COVID-19 IP Toolkit have been corrected.

Guidance on Interfacility Transfer of Individuals with *Candida auris* – Hospital to Post Acute Care Key Points

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to long-term care facilities (LTCFs), including nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities, about discharging, admitting, and re-admitting from a hospital a resident who has a confirmed colonized or clinical infection from *Candida auris (C. auris)*.

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