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# COVID-19 and LTC

## November 5, 2020

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# PPE Updates and Reminders



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# Mask/ Respirator Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Update

FDA updated on 10/28/2020

Non-NIOSH surgical masks authorized by FDA Umbrella EUA: 8 (Increased 1 from last week)

KN95 respirators imported by China authorized by FDA Umbrella EUA: 24 (No change from last week)

Non-NIOSH disposable filtering face piece respirators (FFR) authorized by FDA Umbrella EUA: 11 (No change from last week)

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-euas#appendixa>

# General IP Reminders

- **All** personnel, staff and visitors should wear a mask when entering the facility.
- Ensure entry points are monitored and masks are available upon entry.
- Ensure screening is done immediately upon entry.
- Review facility process in regards to positive screens:
  - Symptomatic personnel should not enter the facility.
  - Testing process:
    - <https://icap.nebraskamed.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/10/AdaptedCDCPOCTestingAlgorithmLogo2.pdf>
  - HCW restrictions:
    - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>

# Special Circumstance

Very small facilities may not have sufficient safe spaces for staff to don respirator before entering a shared air space.

If the facility has all yellow, gray, and/or red zones and no safe space is available:

- Consider sending a clean respirator home with the HCW
- HCW dons respirator before entering the building, such as in car or outside the building

# Addressing Barriers

Empower staff to start a conversation about PPE and encourage them to keep each other safe.

Consider scripting safe statements or talk directly about how to have the difficult conversation regarding masking:

- Did you know your nose isn't covered?
- How are you doing with your mask?
- Should we see if a different size or type is available?
- Can I get a new mask for you? Maybe the elastic is worn out.
- Did you know that pulling the mask down like that can contaminate your mouth?
- I care about you and want to make sure you are safe.



## How NOT to wear a mask

### How NOT to wear a mask



Around your neck



On your forehead



Under your nose



Only on your nose



On your chin



Dangling from one ear



On your arm

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

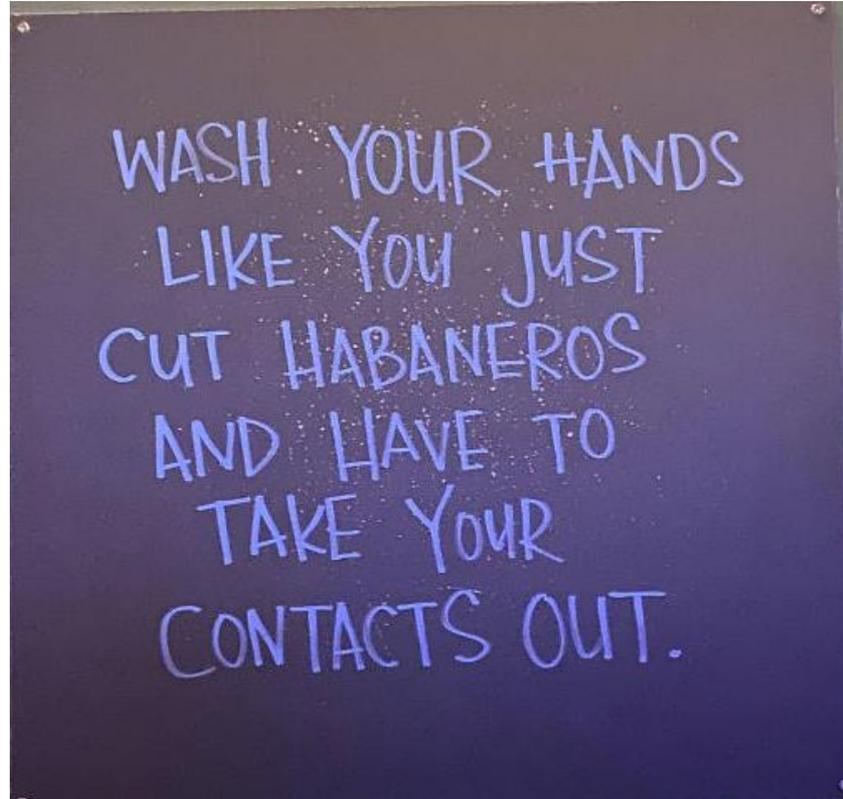
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# Keep resources fresh... ...and maybe kind of fun



[https://www.boredpanda.com/covid-restaurant-shop-signs/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=organic](https://www.boredpanda.com/covid-restaurant-shop-signs/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=organic)

Atlanta BeltLine

<https://beltline.org/2020/07/09/updated-general-statement-on-covid-19/>



# Screening Questions

Consider focusing the **screening questions** on “new” or “unexpected” symptoms (e.g., a chronic cough would not be a positive screen).

- **Including these symptoms:**
- Fever or feeling feverish (chills, sweating)
- New cough
- Upper respiratory symptoms (runny nose, nasal congestion)
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

**Any change in condition, including any of the above symptoms--typical or atypical--should trigger consideration for COVID-19 and subsequent testing**

# Screen for exposure

CDC advises that healthcare workers should be assessed for exposure to others with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection and if they are practicing source control.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

**If your facility is not already screening for exposure, consider adding a question like:**

**Have you been in close contact with a person suspected to have COVID-19 or confirmed to have COVID-19 without proper PPE, in the last 14 days?**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

# Updates to CDC Guidance November 4, 2020

HEALTHCARE WORKERS

## Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) Pandemic

Updated Nov. 4, 2020 [Print](#)



### Summary of Changes to the Guidance Below are changes to the guidance as of November 4, 2020:

- Provided different options for screening individuals (healthcare personnel, patients, visitors) prior to their entry into a healthcare facility
- Provided information on factors that could impact thermometer readings
- Provided resources for evaluating and managing ventilation systems in healthcare facilities
- Added link to Frequently Asked Questions about use of Personal Protective Equipment

### Table of Contents

#### Background

1. Recommended routine infection prevention and control (IPC) practices during the COVID-19 pandemic

2. Recommended infection prevention and control (IPC) practices when caring for a patient with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection

Appendix: Additional Information about Airborne

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

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# Resident Transfers



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# Transfer Communication

- Communicate isolation status of residents to appropriate personnel before transferring to another healthcare facility.
  - Ensures infection prevention control measure can be established prior to resident arrival
  - Health and safety of all residents and staff
  - Include transportation teams and EMS personnel
  - Should include COVID-19 exposure date and quarantine dates, if applicable
  - Information regarding quarantine/isolation status. Start and presumed end dates.
  - Instruct other facilities to share same information with you.
- Accepting facilities should review and accept patients based on: the receiving healthcare facility's ability to provide appropriate standards of care
  - **The goal is to get the residents back to their “home”.**

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html#Patient\\_Placement](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html#Patient_Placement)

# HOSPITAL TO POST-ACUTE CARE FACILITY TRANSFER COVID-19 ASSESSMENT

**INSTRUCTIONS: Hospitals are encouraged to use this form to document your assessment of the COVID-19 status of all hospitalized prior to transfer to a post-acute care facility. CHECK THE BOX FOR EACH CRITERIA APPROPRIATE TO THE PATIENT'S STATUS:**

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transferring Facility \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accepting Facility \_\_\_\_\_

## Has patient been laboratory tested for COVID-19?

**YES, Patient tested for COVID-19**  
 Date of test(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 What was the indication for testing? \_\_\_\_\_

**NO**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Results Pending</b> Check if <u>any</u> results are pending	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Negative Test</b> Check <u>only if all</u> results are negative	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Positive Test</b> Check if <u>any one</u> test resulted positive
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Await Results MAY NOT TRANSFER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Is another COVID-19 test planned/pending?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO *To accept transfer, receiving facility must have sufficient staff, space and supplies/equipment to provide the necessary care.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does the patient meet all 3 criteria:</b> 1. Resolution of fever without fever reducing medications, 2. Improvement in symptoms AND 3. More than 20 days have passed since onset of symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exposure/travel in the past 14 days:</b> Has the patient been to any of the restricted travel areas, traveled internationally, traveled on a cruise ship, been exposed to a person who has been lab tested positive for COVID-19, or been exposed to another person suspected to have COVID-19? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Any new signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19 since last negative test?</b> (See <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a> for complete list) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does patient have any signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19?</b> (See <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a> for complete list) <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAY TRANSFER*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> Last known date of exposure: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> < 14 days <input type="checkbox"/> > 14 days <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Complete 14-day quarantine before transferring</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MAY TRANSFER*</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Require a repeat COVID-19 test</b>
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Provide copy of completed form to EMS/transport agency.

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<https://icap.nebraskamed.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/09/Post-acute-transfer-form-updated8.13.20.pdf>



# Nuring Home Project ECHO



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# Wait is Over – NH ECHO is Being Launched Next Week

- Over 100 Nursing Homes (3 cohorts) have been enrolled in ECHO institute database by UNMC ID ECHO team over the last one week
- The space is limited but we added another cohort due to high demand. **(We are expecting that cohort to be filled by the end of the day today)**
- After 4<sup>th</sup> cohort at UNMC ID is enrolled, we will continue to refer interested nursing homes to other hubs as long as they have the capacity

# Nursing Home Project ECHO

- There are two hubs for Nebraska
  - UNMC ID (Lead: Dr. Ashraf)
  - UNMC College of Public Health (Lead: Dr. Beacom)
- UNMC ID will serve as IPC subject matter expert on College of Public Health Hub also, when needed
- UNMC ID sessions will held during 12 Noon CST to 1:30 pm CST (Last 30 minutes will be optional Q&A)

# Launch Date and Times

## COMBINED ORIENTATION FOR ALL 4 COHORTS

Monday 11/9/20 At 9 am to 10 am CST

### Cohort 1 Session Day and Time

Tuesday 12 noon  
to 1:30 PM CST

Weekly  
educational  
session starts on  
11/10/20

### Cohort 2 Session Day and Time

Wednesday 12  
noon to 1:30 PM  
CST

Weekly  
educational  
session starts on  
11/11/20

### Cohort 3 Session Day and Time

Friday 12 noon to  
1:30 PM CST

Weekly  
educational  
session starts on  
11/13/20

### Cohort 4 Session Day and Time

Monday 12 noon  
to 1:30 PM CST

Weekly  
educational  
session starts on  
11/16/20

# What Nursing Homes Need to Know

- Nursing Homes are eligible to participate if they have applied for the Provider Relief Fund (PRF)
  - ALFs are not eligible for participation
- If your facility has registered, you should have received a welcome email with your assigned cohort and additional information
- Facility participants will be receiving an invite for a Zoom meeting soon
- Facilities will be receiving a Contract for Reimbursement per ECHO Institute requirements; this will need to be completed and returned to us as soon as possible (within 1 week of receiving the contract)

# Your Words Segment



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# Your Words Results

Where are you performing the Binax Card Testing when testing residents and how many staff are involved in the process (please mention their

## ICAP Suggestion

While there is no one recommended way, ICAP suggests to have one person inside the room collecting the specimen, and a second person receiving the specimen outside the room.

Nursing. aper/pen used only with non-gloved, clean hands

# Your Words

ICAP would like to hear from YOU!

Each week we will highlight a question and you have an opportunity to share your experience and best practices.

This week's Question:

**Can you share any creative solutions to staffing challenges?**

Please go to <https://forms.gle/whWKmy38xYLzczoDA> and fill out the short Google form to submit your completely anonymous answer.

We will discuss the results on next week's webinar.

Your ideas matter, you may help another facility that is struggling with this topic.

# Webinar CE Offerings



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# Webinar CE Process

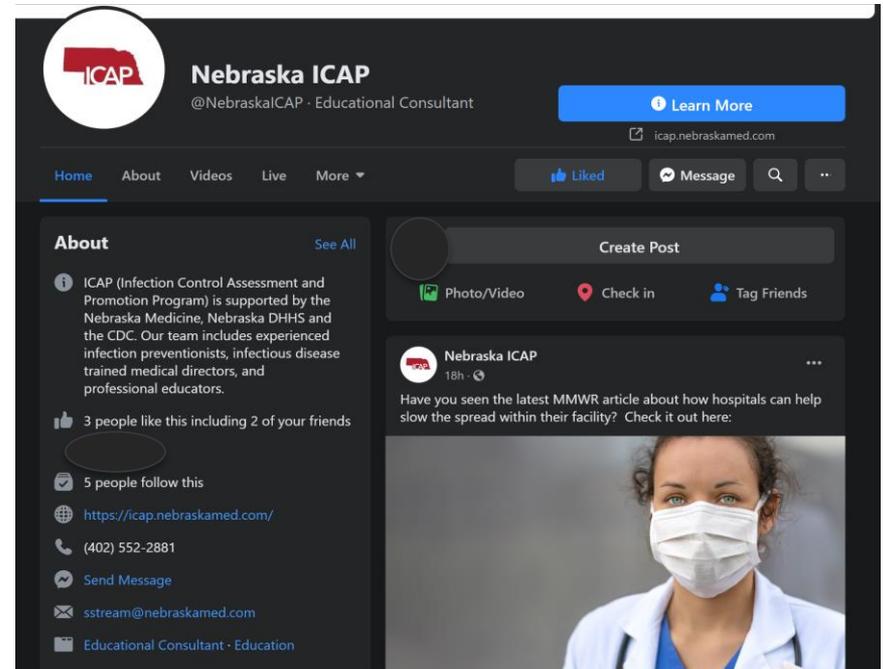
## 1 Nursing Contact Hours is offered for attending this LIVE webinar

1. A poll will be put out during the Q&A to collect attendance for your participation in the live webinar, **you must verify your attendance with this poll to receive CE**
2. A survey will open upon completion of the webinar, **you must complete the survey to get your CE credits.** Please note: Your web browser makes a difference. Google Chrome is the suggested browser.
3. **BOTH** the attendance poll and post webinar survey must be completed to receive Nursing Credit hours (No exceptions will be granted)
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5. Certificates will be emailed to you by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month

Direct any CE questions to Sarah Stream, MPH, CDA at  
[sstream@nebraskamed.com](mailto:sstream@nebraskamed.com)

# Project Firstline is launching!

- Follow us on FB for updates and launch information
- Project Firstline is Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training for ALL healthcare providers
- Begin watching for a needs assessment survey coming from ICAP
- We will begin scheduling focus groups for IPC training soon
- Firstline training curriculum is developed by the CDC and hosted by ICAP
- Firstline training opportunities will be launching soon



# Tele-ICAR- COVID-19

- Infection Control Assessment and Response Program (ICAR)
  - Voluntary program for acute care facilities in Nebraska (outpatient option coming soon!)
  - Assesses facility response to and preparation for different elements related to COVID-19
  - Performed Remotely via Zoom: approximately 90-120 minutes
  - Feedback/recommendations will be provided in narrative form and through a follow-up meeting
  - Scheduling begins today
  - Contact: [NebraskaICAP@nebraskamed.com](mailto:NebraskaICAP@nebraskamed.com) or 402-552-2881 to schedule an assessment
    - Participants understand and agree that project findings will be shared with the CDC and others in a de-identified and aggregate format

# Infection Prevention and Control Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Central Time

2:00 PM -4:00 PM Central Time

Call 402-552-2881

# After Hours Protocol

## After hours phone protocol

- Call State HAI Epidemiologist on-call phone number at: 531-207-4053
  - Call between 8 am and 8 pm
- Also work with the Local Health Department regarding new outbreaks

## What constitutes an after-hours emergency?

- New suspected or confirmed COVID-19 outbreak
- Facility needing to request resident transfer to COVID-19 unit because of inability to isolate properly
- Need to move residents between units due to isolation and/or zoning

## Office Hours review

- General contact tracing questions (email ok)
- General infection control questions (email ok)
- General PPE questions (email ok)
- Review or updates of existing cases (email ok)

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