

**Agenda and Key Guidance**  
**Assisted Living/Residential Care/Adult Day Care Provider Call**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

1. Welcome

Beverly Clark

- Session is being recorded
- All participants are muted, please keep phones muted during the call
- Q&A session – All participants should submit questions to [LTC@health.ok.gov](mailto:LTC@health.ok.gov), we will answer as many questions as time allows on the call
  - Online participants may post questions in the Q&A box, these questions will be answered in the FAQ document
  - Only questions sent to the LTC email box will be answered during the call
- Phone number 405.426.8200
- Fax Incidents/Form 283 to 1.866.239.7553
- To request emails from GovDelivery.com, email Diane Henry at [DianeH@health.ok.gov](mailto:DianeH@health.ok.gov) or email [LTC@health.ok.gov](mailto:LTC@health.ok.gov)
- Please join via Team app on the computer to allow viewing of the presentations
- Reminders:
  - Guidance for NF/SNF and ICF/IID comes from CMS QSO Memos and CDC guidance as indicated in the QSO memos
  - Assisted Living/Adult Day Care/Residential Care should follow standards of care related to infection control. CDC is an example of standards of care that may be followed
- The COVID-19 Resource page on the OSDH website has been removed. We will be creating a new page for LTC Resources and hope to have that up next week. On that page you will find the recordings, key guidance, and Q&A for the Provider Calls

2. Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Program Updates

Rhonda McComas

- If you've called Acute Disease lately, you may have noticed the phones are answered with "Infectious Disease". It is due to a renaming of the areas, but you are still contacting the right place
- Available resources:
  - Preventative ICAR (Infection Control Assessment and Response) Visits
    - HAI team performs scheduled onsite visit (tele-ICAR available) on your preferred time/date
    - Learn about your existing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program
    - Review each IPC program element
    - Tour facility
    - Provide verbal/written feedback related to good practices and offer resources to address gaps
    - 4 and 6 hours to complete (estimated)
    - Several facilities have verbalized the benefits
  - Lunch and Learn (scheduling soon!)
    - 15 to 45 minute presentations with 15 minutes live Q&A related to IPC activities
  - Transmission-based Precautions (TBP) Signage – available soon!
    - Standardized signage
- To get information out to you, we need to keep our contact list updated. We request that you supply contact information to [HAI@health.ok.gov](mailto:HAI@health.ok.gov)
  - Name of your facility
  - Name of facility administrator (active, interim, corporate/group) and preferred email to receive communications.
  - Name(s) and email(s) of your infection preventionist(s).
- COVID Data Tracker – Metrics for Hospitalizations
  - Can be located at [https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases\\_new-admissions-rate-county](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_new-admissions-rate-county)
  - The COVID Data Tracker is still available. The CDC is no longer using transmission levels. They are using the metrics based on hospitalizations and deaths
  - The map near the bottom of the link page provides COVID-19 hospital admissions levels



- You can use the map to help you make those decisions for preventative measures, such as when to implement broader masking
- CDC recommends that healthcare facilities institute facility-wide masking when masks are recommended in the community
- You can find county-specific information on <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
- You can contact HAI/AR Prevention Program at 405.426.8710 or email [HAI@health.ok.gov](mailto:HAI@health.ok.gov)

### 3. Survey Updates

Susan Hays

- Public Health Emergency ended May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities.
  - Facilities should follow good infection prevention and control practice standards
  - CDC is a nationally accepted standards of IPC
  - Current CDC recommendations can be located in [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic for](#)
- Staff vaccination
  - No requirement for staff to be vaccinated
  - CDC, as a standard of care, recommends facilities should educate the residents and staff regarding vaccination which is an important prevention strategy
- COVID-19 Testing
  - Testing is a Core Principle for infection control
  - Testing should be conducted following standards of practice for infection control
  - Testing allows for early identification of a communicable disease and is a tool to help prevent an outbreak in the facility
  - Recommendations are provided by the CDC at [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
- Masking requirements
  - Masking is still a Core Principle of infection control
  - COVID and other respiratory illnesses are still circulating
  - Universal masking is no longer required
  - Facilities are expected to adhere to infection prevention and control in accordance with accepted national standards
  - Recommendations are provided by the CDC at [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
    - Additional guidance can be located in the section *Assisted Living, Group Homes and Other Residential Settings* further down on the page
    - New appendix at bottom of the page provides strategies and metrics which can assist you in determining when to implement broader mask use in the facility
- Documentation for surveys
  - Surveyors may ask for the facility's IPC policies
  - Now would be a good time to review the facility's policies and make sure they align with accepted national standards
  - Areas to consider when reviewing:
    - Documentation of how residents were managed if they tested positive for COVID
    - Tracking and trending of infections

### 4. Alzheimer Form Requirements

Espa Bowen

- During an association call on 06/16/23, misinformation was provided which needs to be corrected
- Facilities do NOT have to post the *Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders Special Care Disclosure (Form 613)* to their website. Facilities must make sure any representative of a person with Alzheimer's Disease, or any other form of dementia considering resident placement in the facility, has a copy of the form they can review



- The form is available on the OSDH website at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/licensing-inspections/health-resources-development-service/health-facility-systems.html>
- If you have any questions regarding this information, please call 405.426.8175 or send an email to [HealthResources@health.ok.gov](mailto:HealthResources@health.ok.gov).

5. General Comments

Janene Stewart

- Thank you for joining us this afternoon
- We have had minor restructuring within our survey teams
- Ed Roth is now the Preventative Medical Consultant (PMC) over all of Life Safety Code surveys. If you have any questions regarding life safety, please reach out to Ed
- We have also added two new Field PMCs. You may see them alongside our survey teams in the facilities. The new Field PMCs are Rae Belt and Brenda Lankford. Rae is over Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, Tulsa and Northern OKC. Brenda is over Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and Southern OKC
- Shayla Spriggs is the Manager of Survey
- You can reach the PMCs via the Long Term Care main phone number 405.426.8200 and email [LTC@health.ok.gov](mailto:LTC@health.ok.gov)
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 405.426.8200 or [LTC@health.ok.gov](mailto:LTC@health.ok.gov).

**Questions and Answers**  
**Next call to be announced**