

Long Term Care Provider Call Agenda and Key Guidance

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Assisted Living/Residential Care/Adult Day Care Facilities

Note: For more specific details related to the agenda items, access the call recording, and review the call slides.

Welcome

Philip Miller

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- When participating in the calls, we recommend joining via the Teams app on your computer to allow viewing of presentations

1. Bat Rabies Prevention

Mike Manell

- Mike is the Assistant Director for Infectious Disease Prevention and Response (IDPR)
- Rabies is a viral disease that infects the nervous system of humans and warm-blooded mammals and is considered 100% fatal if left untreated
- The treatment for rabies is post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP); a series of shots over 14 days. Once symptoms develop, there is no effective treatment
- Bats can gain entry to a space through openings as small as 1/4 inch and will return to their maternal roost if entry is available
- High risk categories for exposures: (You may not feel the bite)
 - Sleeping
 - Heavily medicated or intoxicated
 - Non-verbal or mentally incapacitated
- When bats are found, do not release the bat, capture it for testing and call the IDPR epidemiologist-on-call for guidance
- Bat Capture Safety Infographic - [How to safely capture bats for rabies testing, 2023 - Documents.OK.Gov - Oklahoma Digital Prairie: Documents, Images and Information](#)
- Epidemiologist-on-call is available at all times, day or night, at 405.426.871

2. COVID-19 FAQs

Rhonda McComas

- Rhonda is the Lead Long Term Care Infection Preventionist with Infectious Disease Prevention and Response
- Flu season
 - OSDH [Viral View \(oklahoma.gov\)](#) provides up to date surveillance data for Influenza, COVID, and RSV
 - Flu, COVID-19, and RSV have the potential to co-circulate. Double check and don't forget there may be need to test for both
- Current COVID CDC Recommendations
 - New CDC webpage - [Infection Control Guidance: SARS-CoV-2 | COVID-19 | CDC](#)
 - Definition has not changed - ONE POSITIVE COVID-19 resident or staff member begins your facility's outbreak response.
 - Outbreak Testing Process - Contact Tracing and Broad-Based Testing
 - Duration of isolation – removal of resident from Transmission-Based Precautions (TBP) and staff Return to Work (RTW)
 - Guidance for managing staff with infection or exposure and the staff RTW criteria can be found in [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2 | COVID-19 | CDC](#)
- Contacts: Email HAI@health.ok.gov and phone 405.426.8710

3. Form 283 Reminders

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- Philip is the Director of Long Term Services
- Form 283 Reminders
 - Continuum of Care Facilities- ensure to document correct Facility ID (example: CC1234 vs CC1234AL)
 - Ensure correct Facility ID, especially with facilities with similar names, or facilities that are part of the same company (example Cottage #1 has ID: NH1234, Cottage #2 has ID: NH1235)
 - Ensure to document resident name(s) and staff name(s) if applicable
 - Ensure to include relative history, resident physical and/or psychosocial outcomes, and protective measures on initial incident report
 - Form 283 was revised in July 2024. Please discard any older forms you may be using and begin using the revised version located at [ltc-form-odh-283-fillable-incident-report-form.pdf \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
- Assisted Living COVID-19 Guidance
 - Guidance for Assisted Living comes from CDC guidance and is considered the standard of care related to infection control for COVID-19
 - This guidance can be found on the webpage [Infection Control Guidance: SARS-CoV-2 | COVID-19 | CDC](#)



- This guidance is designed using the [CDC Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices \(IPC\)](#)
- Consider what is happening in your facility and in the community. Monitor the COVID Hospital Admissions of your county on the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)
- The CDC has been the standard of care over the last four years for COVID-19, and assisted living facilities are expected to follow the standards
- If you are following another standard, you need to be able to show what that standard is, what the resource documentation is and how you meet those standards
- Guidance for long-term care settings whose staff only provide non-skilled personal care can be found at [Preventing Respiratory Viruses | Respiratory Illnesses | CDC](#)
- The guidance is also designed using the CDC Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices (IPC)
- This guidance is for preventing respiratory viruses including COVID, flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
- Facilities should base decisions to follow this guidance using the COVID-19 hospital admission levels
- This guidance still recommends the Core Practices of:
 - Stay up to date with immunizations
 - Practice good hygiene (practices that improve cleanliness)
 - Take steps for cleaner air
 - Masking
 - Physical distancing
 - Testing

4. Closing Comments

Philip Miller

- Thank you for taking the time to join us on the call today
- We are always willing to help with any concerns or questions you may have. Please send an email to LTC@health.ok.gov with those concerns and we will respond as soon as possible.

Questions and Answers
Next call to be announced