COVID-19 Question and Answer Session for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential Settings

June 5, 2020
Housekeeping

- All attendees in listen-only mode

- Submit questions via Q&A pod to All Panelists
  - Any other comments, feedback, suggestions for future topics, etc, please submit via chat

- Slides and recording will be made available later
Agenda

- Upcoming webinars
- LTCF NHSN IDPH Group
- Testing in Long Term Care
- Open Q & A

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IDPH webinars

• Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A (1-2 pm):

Friday June 12th
https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8ca48172d718c49749e1f2353ee1f8f8

Note: no planned session for June 15 because IDPH will host an LTC webinar on
Wed, June 17th, at 1 pm

Wednesday June 17th
https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e31c66916c51c637e7f367c69c2e60003

Friday June 26th
https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6f73a652185dcfe658ff3b2ff02bb5fb

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LTCF NHSN IDPH Group

IDPH has created a group in NHSN for your facility to share COVID-19 data with the State. IDPH intends to use this summary data for situational awareness as well as public health response. While there is no State mandate at this time, your participation is strongly encouraged.

There will be NO increased reporting on the part of your healthcare facility. All that needs to be done is to join the IDPH group.

Joining a Group:
The NHSN facility administrator can join the group by selecting “Group” in the NHSN left navigation bar and then clicking “Join”. This will open the Memberships page. Enter the 5-digit Group ID and the group password then click on “Join Group.”

**Group ID:** 78568  
**Joining Group Password:** Illinois19!
LTCF definition(s)

- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Intermediate Care Facilities

- Intermediate Care / Developmentally Disabled
- Medically Complex / Developmentally Disabled
- Sheltered Care Facility
- Community Living Facility
- Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility

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Slide courtesy Rachel Whitcomb (BCG) and Avery Hart (IDPH consultant)
IDPH LTC Testing Memo

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- Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility
- Assisted Living
- Shared Housing

**Must** (i.e. required to):
- Complete facility assessment
- Create testing plan & response strategy
- Test residents & staff

**Should** complete above items. Can use same REDCap links, except Assisted Living was sent a separate assessment link.

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Slide adapted from Rachel Whitcomb (BCG) and Avery Hart (IDPH consultant)
LTC Testing Resources

• New IDPH LTC testing website!

• LTC webinar recording from 6/4:
  https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/lsr.php?RCID=38ad03f820f549c5a485d2e50de35366

• LTC testing mailbox: dph.ltctesting@illinois.gov
CDC FAQs on persistent/recurrent SARS-CoV-2 positivity

Managing COVID-19 Cases With Persistent or Recurrent RT-PCR Positive Tests for SARS-CoV-2 After Having Recovered and Completed Isolation

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<td>Are clinically recovered persons infectious to others if they test persistently or recurrently positive for SARS-CoV-2 RNA?</td>
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<td>Can cycle threshold (Ct) values be used to assess when a person is no longer infectious?</td>
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<td>What further evidence is needed to be reassured that persistent or recurrent shedding of SARS-CoV-2 RNA after recovery does not represent the presence of infectious virus?</td>
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<td>Can viral culture be used to demonstrate that a person who had persistently or recurrently detectable viral RNA is not infectious to others?</td>
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<td>A person who previously tested positive by RT-PCR for SARS-CoV-2 and clinically recovered from COVID-19 is later tested again, for example as part of a contract tracing investigation. If that person again tests positive by RT-PCR, should they be managed as potentially infectious to others, and isolated again for COVID-19?</td>
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<td>If a previously infected person has clinically recovered but later develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19, should the person be isolated again and tested for SARS-CoV-2?</td>
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<td>If an infected person has clinically recovered using the symptom-based strategy, do they need a test of cure?</td>
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Refer to CDC guidance for re-testing positives

• In outbreak situations, CDC recommends retesting all previously negative residents and HCP

• Discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and Return to work criteria for HCP
  – Symptom-based strategy
  – Time-based strategy (for asymptomatic cases)
  – Test-based strategy (“Of note, there have been reports of prolonged detection of RNA without direct correlation to viral culture.”)

Open Q&A

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Reminder: SIREN Registration

To receive situational awareness from IDPH, please use this link to guide you to the correct registration instructions for your public health related classification: http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren