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## Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

**LTC Newsletter 2021-58**

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### **LTC Update:**

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Reporting – REMINDER – DUE DATE**
- **COVID-19 Ready in EMResource – REMINDER**
- **CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): Increasing Seasonal Influenza A (H3N2) Activity**
- **CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Reporting – REMINDER – DUE DATE**

All nursing homes and residential care facilities must complete the LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Attestation Form through REDCap after you have completed administering boosters to eligible residents (including booster clinics with pharmacy partners, local health departments, IDOH mobile teams, etc.). Facilities should report this information ASAP after you have completed booster clinics, but no later than **Friday, Dec. 10**. If your facility has high turnover of residents for short-term stays, please report boosters that have been administered to date and report only new boosters each Friday through the end of the month. All facilities should have a plan or policy in place before the end of the year to continuously offer/administer boosters to new residents who are eligible. *If your facility needs assistance administering boosters or your scheduled booster clinic is later than Dec. 17, please immediately e-mail Probari, [outreach@probarisystems.com](mailto:outreach@probarisystems.com).*

[LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Attestation Form](#)

### **COVID-19 Ready in EMResource – REMINDER**

Facilities must update their COVID-19 Ready status in [EMResource](#) as soon as possible. Hospitals use EMResource to identify facilities in their area that are able to accept COVID-19 patients ready

for discharge. It's critical that the information in EMResource is up to date. Please log-in to your account and confirm that your status matches your COVID-19 Ready attestation with FSSA, or indicates your facility is no longer COVID-19 Ready. Facilities should enter **"Yes"** in the **LTC COVID Ready Facility Status** column AND **Can accept COVID+ PT** in the **COVID Ready Admission Status** column.

[COVID-19 Ready Nursing Facility Reimbursement](#)

## **CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): Increasing Seasonal Influenza A (H3N2) Activity**

The purpose of this HAN Health Advisory is to provide recommendations for clinicians and public health practitioners about increased influenza A (H3N2) activity:

COVID-19 Ready Nursing Facility Reimbursement

1. Recommend and offer influenza vaccination for all eligible persons aged six months and older.
2. Treat persons with suspected or confirmed influenza who meet clinical criteria with influenza antivirals.
3. Use of influenza antivirals for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
4. Influenza testing during outbreaks in institutions (e.g. long-term care facilities).
5. Non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g. physical distancing, masking, surface cleaning, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and stay home if symptomatic).

[Increasing Seasonal Influenza A \(H3N2\) Activity, Especially Among Young Adults and in College and University Settings, During SARS-CoV-2 Circulation](#)

## **CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers**

CMS updated the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency 1135 Blanket Waiver on 11/26/2021. The change in the blanket waiver for nursing homes relates to Food and Nutrition Services (page 21). This is a waiver for the qualification of the qualified dietitian or other similarly qualified nutrition professional and the director of food services. Long-Term Care Facilities & Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and/or Nursing Facilities (NFs) information can be found on pages 16-22.

[CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers – Food & Nutrition Services](#)