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## Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

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### **CMS Waiver for NATCEP and the Nurse Aide in Training Registry**

CMS released revised memo [QSO-22-15-NH-NLTC & LSC](#) on Aug. 29, 2022, with more information related to waivers of nurse aide training competency and evaluation (NATCEP) requirements. The revised memo indicates CMS will review waiver requests from individual facilities, counties or entire states.

IDOH is gathering information and preparing to request a statewide waiver from CMS to allow more time to certify nurse aides. The Nurse Aide in Training Registry provides a record of nurse aides in training in nursing facilities in Indiana and is critical information for IDOH to include with the waiver request. Nursing facilities should be completing the survey for any nurse aides hired who are not yet certified.

The REDCap Nurse Aide in Training Registry can be accessed with the following link:  
<https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/?s=CMWRXH9J4C>.

Information is also being obtained from Ivy Tech regarding their testing capacity. If nursing facilities and training programs have specific examples of delays in scheduling testing, you may email that information to be included with the waiver request to Suzanne Williams at [suwilliams@isdh.in.gov](mailto:suwilliams@isdh.in.gov). Any questions regarding the Nurse Aide in Training Registry or the CMS waiver request may be directed to Suzanne Williams.

## **LTC Leadership Conference Registration Open**

Registration is now open for the Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference “Working Together for Solutions to Mental Health Challenges in Long-Term Care.” The conference will be held Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Participants have the option to attend in person or virtually. Please click the link below for more information and to register.

[IDOH Healthcare Leadership Conference](#)

## **Teepa Snow Dementia Orientation Available for Free**

### **Do you want free Teepa Snow dementia training for your new staff?**

Through the CMP-funded project, “Building a Dementia-Competent Nursing Home Workforce,” the University of Southern Indiana (USI) and **Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care (PAC)** are offering a **free** 2-hour dementia curriculum for all skilled nursing facilities in Indiana to use for new employee orientation. This orientation is delivered to you in easy-to-use content that can be used in your nursing homes in the format of a PowerPoint, a step-by-step script and Teepa Snow video content. This content was created by Teepa Snow and her PAC team. Then, it was piloted at USI. Orientation topics include brain changes associated with dementia and supportive responses to caring for people living with dementia. Teepa Snow’s engaging teaching style will help orientation attendees discover the value in what remains for people living with dementia instead of what a person with dementia loses.

For access to the materials, please complete the short questionnaire with the following link:

[https://usisurvey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eM6FRkk1yqzQmmq](https://usisurvey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eM6FRkk1yqzQmmq)

Any questions may be directed to Katie Ehlman ([mehlman@usi.edu](mailto:mehlman@usi.edu)) and Baylie Peter ([bmpeter1\\_se@usi.edu](mailto:bmpeter1_se@usi.edu)).

## **Update to COVID-19 Death Reporting Method**

IDOH is decommissioning the COVID-19 death reporting line and transitioning to the traditional reporting method. There is no longer a number to call to report the death. To report a COVID-19

death, please complete the [“Confidential Report of Communicable Disease Form”](#) and fax it to 317-234-2812.

Please see the updated documents below reflecting this change.

[LTC-Facility-Data-Submission-Guidelines Updated 08-29-2022.pdf](#)  
[Revised-Reporting-Chart-9-09-2022.pdf](#)

Please note that reporting of other outbreaks remains unchanged for both nursing homes and licensed residential facilities. This is a reminder to follow the state reporting policy. Epidemic Outbreak is defined as "at least three residents with the same infection in one defined area (such as hall, unit, neighborhood, street, pod, secured unit, ventilator unit) within a 48-hour period or 10% or more of the current building census with the same infection. These should be reported through the state's incident reporting system, the [Gateway](#).

### **Tuberculosis Webinar for Nurses**

The Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center will be hosting an Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) for Nurses webinar on Sept. 27, 2022. The purpose of this webinar is to provide nurses with knowledge about the IGRA blood tests and how they are used to identify patients with past or recent infections with the Mycobacterium Tuberculosis organism (Mtb). This knowledge will allow nurses to identify which indeterminate or borderline test results require follow-up.

**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Eastern (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Central)

**Location:** Zoom

[Register here](#)