

COVID Discussion for Ancillary Staff in Boulder County LTCF

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CDPHE Resources

The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs open, including 'Contact Tracing and Monitor', 'Long-term and residential ca...', 'COVID-19 Testing in Facilitie...', 'COVID-19 LTCF Checklist .pdf', 'Interim U.S. Guidance for Ris...', 'COVID-19 Testing - Boulder', and '+'. The address bar shows 'covid19.colorado.gov/lctf'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom displays various application icons and the system clock showing 12:58 PM on 12/1/2020.

The website header features the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) logo and the Colorado State Emergency Operations Center logo. A search bar is located on the right side of the header.

The navigation menu includes the following items: For Coloradans >, Guidance for businesses & communities, Public health orders >, Data >, News and media resources >, and LPHAs & health care providers >. A share count of 4.2k Shares is visible on the right side of the menu.

The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > LPHAs & health care providers > Health care providers > Long-term and residential care facilities.

Long-term and residential care facilities

Last updated: 9/28/20 1:00 PM - Added line list templates to the forms section.



Public health order

[Public health and executive orders page](#) for Public Health order 20-20 and others.

This page provides information for all Colorado licensed nursing facilities, long-term care facilities, and residential care facilities. It includes information on how to register, how to report, and how to access the public health order.

Boulder County Resources

The screenshot displays the Boulder County website at the URL bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/. The page features a navigation menu with links for Property Search, Jobs, Volunteer, Elections, County Government, Departments, and Contact. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation menu. Below the navigation menu, the Boulder County logo is prominently displayed. The main content area is titled "COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)" and includes a warning banner stating "Boulder County COVID-19 status is at Level RED: 'Severe Risk.' Learn more in English and Spanish. See graphic for details." Below the banner, there is a link to report a Public Health order violation and an email address covidbiz@bouldercounty.org. The main content area is divided into three columns of images: the first column shows hands being washed with soap under a running faucet; the second column shows a man in a hospital bed with a fever, holding a thermometer; the third column shows a woman in a red patterned shirt covering her mouth with her elbow, suggesting coughing or sneezing. The bottom of the screenshot shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock displaying 1:00 PM on 12/1/2020.

Visitor restrictions in LTCF during Rapid Response and Outbreaks

- Current PHO 2020 (11/20/20) allows access to LTCF for:
 - Essential health care service providers, who must also be tested in accordance with the testing frequency described in this order before allowing for entry into the Facility
 - Religious exercise
 - Adult Protective Services
 - Long Term Care Ombudsman
 - Designated Support Persons as defined in this Order
 - Compassionate Care Visitation
 - Emergency medical and service personnel.
- Family visitors are allowed when there are only COVID+ staff. There are restricted when there are COVID+ residents or there is an outbreak in the facility. When a facility has a COVID ward where they take COVID + patients, this does not count as an outbreak.

What is Rapid Response

- If a facility has identified one resident case or one or more cases in staff, rapid response is triggered. It is not an outbreak. The facility is required to increase testing of all staff and residents every 3-7 days until no new cases are identified.
- The facility will work closely with local public health to ensure that all infection control measures are in place, and support testing requirements, and PPE needs.

What is an Outbreak?

- An outbreak is defined as: a facility has two or more cases in residents within a 14-day period.
- The facility will increase testing (staff and residents) to every 3-7 days, work with local and state public health to ensure infection control, support testing and PPE needs.
- This is publicly reported to the State Health Department and listed on the CDPHE website.
- An outbreak is in resolution when there are no new cases in staff or residents identified for 14 days and resolved when 28 days have passed without new cases.

Healthcare COVID close contact exposures vs public exposures:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>
 - Non-medical public exposure- cumulative 15 minutes (24-hour period), less than 6 feet, regardless of mask use.
 - Healthcare exposure- 15 or more minutes, less than 6 feet, without medical grade PPE (surgical mask, N-95 mask, KN 95, goggles, face shield). Or aerosolization of droplets procedures without proper PPE.
 - This criterion determines whether you should quarantine or not.
 - Staffing contingency use- Developing plans to allow asymptomatic HCP who have had an [unprotected exposure to](#) SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) but are not known to be infected to continue to work.
 - These HCP should still report temperature and absence of symptoms each day before starting work.
 - These HCP should wear a facemask (for source control) while at work for 14 days after the exposure event.
 - Testing at day 5-7 and day 14 if available.
 - Any symptoms, even mild, staff should be removed from duties.
 - Positive COVID staff can be brought in to care for COVID positive patients if they are in a defined COVID+ ward.

Notification of ill or COVID + staff

- Policy or procedures for notifying LTCF facilities about positive staff working with residents while infectious.
- 48 hours before onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic, date of testing.

Testing for COVID

- Testing
 - Curative option update
 - <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/health-facility-covid-19-response/residential-care-strike-team/covid-19-testing-in-facilities>
 - Why Test/Frequency: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-testing.html>
 - PCR-RT
 - Antigen
 - Free clinics in Boulder
 - <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/testing/>

COVID Vaccine Overview

- Tier system-Home Health and Hospice are in Tier 1 A-Critical Workforce
- Contact information and healthcare numbers
 - Need Home Health and Hospice information for vaccine distribution
- Timeline for vaccine roll out

PHASED DISTRIBUTION APPROACH

PHASE	CATEGORY	MEMBERS
1A	Critical Workforce	Inpatient Healthcare workers, including those at assisted living facilities
		Outpatient Healthcare Workers, including home health workers and outpatient pharmacists
1B	Critical Workforce	EMS, Firefighters, Police, Public Health Personnel, Correctional Workers
1C	Highest Risk Individuals	Residents/patients of assisted living, long-term care, and nursing home facilities
2A	Congregate Housing Essential Workers	<p>Congregate Housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults experiencing homelessness living in congregate shelters • Incarcerated adults • Adults living in group homes • Workers living in congregate settings (e.g. ski industry workers, agricultural workers, etc.) • Students living in college dorms or other congregate housing <p>Essential workers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With direct interaction with the public (e.g. grocery store workers, teachers, childcare, etc.) • Working in high-density settings (e.g. agricultural, meat-packing workers, etc.) • Serving persons that live in high-density settings (e.g. homeless shelter group home workers, etc.)
2B	Higher Risk Individuals	<p>Adults 65 or older</p> <p>Adults with obesity, diabetes, chronic lung disease, significant heart disease, chronic kidney disease requiring dialysis, active cancers, and/or immunocompromised status</p> <p>Adults who received placebo during a COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial</p>
3	General Public	Adults 18-64 without high-risk conditions

Accepting patients with active COVID:

- Contact and Droplet precautions-brief overview, N-95
- PPE Use and supply issues
 - Amazon Healthcare Account
 - Other options for PPE supply
- Reasons for hesitancy

QUESTIONS??

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