Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 6, 2020

**AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates**

[COVID -19 Update #32](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20–%20Update%2032.pdf) | Revised Resources on Cohorting and When COVID-19 Gets In

[COVID -19 Update #31](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20–%20Update%2031.pdf) | CMS Issues New Recommendations to Nursing Homes, State & Local Governments

# OK Action Health Network Initiative

# **Help Our Skilled Nursing Providers Fight Back Against the Coronavirus -** Oklahoma’s nursing home residents are the most vulnerable population in the state and the most likely to become seriously ill or even die from the coronavirus. Nursing home staff are doing the best they can with limited equipment and access to tests, but the virus is a challenging adversary.  Our residents and staff need our help. Please review the [OHAN website](https://www.okhealthactionnetwork.com/) for the latest information on how you can share your opinions on Oklahoma public policy.

**Important Message from OSDH**

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On March 13, 2020, CMS issued unprecedented targeted direction to the long-term care facility industry instructing them to prohibit visitors and follow strict infection control and other [screening recommendations](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jbXMuZ292L25ld3Nyb29tL3ByZXNzLXJlbGVhc2VzL2Ntcy1hbm5vdW5jZXMtbmV3LW1lYXN1cmVzLXByb3RlY3QtbnVyc2luZy1ob21lLXJlc2lkZW50cy1jb3ZpZC0xOSJ9.Ggz4BpAGKAAe1NziG-LQKMiR9TMA7VvjCAy7TIHjYCc/br/77045177885-l). However, recent observations made by CDC and CMS experts onsite in facilities have emphasized that even more must be done to universally implement this key guidance.  Therefore, CMS and the Department of Health are issuing revised guidance that includes:   * For the duration of the state of emergency in Oklahoma, all long-term care facility personnel should wear a facemask while they are in the facility. * In accordance with [previous CDC preparedness guidance](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jbXMuZ292L2ZpbGVzL2RvY3VtZW50L3Fzby0yMC0xNC1uaC1yZXZpc2VkLnBkZiJ9.RmUEwt71ZX2T1zlisHvPKdkmTFIfwLKZe1p19pfhAwY/br/77045177885-l), **every** individual regardless of reason entering a long-term care facility, (including residents, staff, visitors, outside healthcare workers, vendors, etc.) should be asked about COVID-19 symptoms **and they must also have their temperature checked. Temperature checks of staff should be done at entrance, mid-shift and at end of shift for all shifts of 7 hours or more**. An exception to this is Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers responding to an urgent medical need. They do not have to be screened, as they are typically screened separately. * In accordance with [previous CDC guidance for nursing homes](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi9kb3dubG9hZHMvbm92ZWwtY29yb25hdmlydXMtMjAxOS1OdXJzaW5nLUhvbWVzLVByZXBhcmVkbmVzcy1DaGVja2xpc3RfM18xMy5wZGYifQ.yUlU5dbak5_6UWWsfgG-SBlt79eKikuxOQcXs8iBAo8/br/77045177885-l), **every** resident should be assessed for symptoms and have their temperature checked daily * Full PPE should be worn per CDC guidelines for the care of any resident with known or suspected COVID-19 per [CDC guidance on conservation of PPE](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5jZGMuZ292L2Nvcm9uYXZpcnVzLzIwMTktbmNvdi9oY3AvcHBlLXN0cmF0ZWd5L2luZGV4Lmh0bWwifQ.Kt6buE2McNRnkGwB1IxgSlvhklkFrJjPaJpRWbPCOVA/br/77045177885-l). * **If COVID-19 transmission occurs in the facility, healthcare personnel should wear full PPE for the care of all residents irrespective of COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms** * When possible, all long-term care facility residents, whether they have COVID-19 symptoms or not, should cover their noses and mouths when staff are in their room. Residents may use tissues for this, or could also use cloth, or non-medical masks when available.   [**Please click here to view the most recent information regarding infection control compliance, PPE, prevention of transmission and more.**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vay5nb3YvaGVhbHRoMi9kb2N1bWVudHMvQ09WSUQtMTktbG9uZy10ZXJtLWNhcmUtZmFjaWxpdHktZ3VpZGFuY2VfUmV2aXNlZCUyMEd1aWRhbmNlXzIwMjBfMDQwMy5wZGYifQ.Z_0CC6swX-sNkaIcBpAHfqIEShwprZUushO1IaNG1eE/br/77045177885-l) **Recording of Long-Term Webinar on Wednesday, April 1st.**  The Long-Term Care Survey Division, Mike Cook, Service Director, along with James Joslin, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, provided the second in a series of weekly Webex’s on Wednesday, March 25, 2020:  Long-Term Care Provider Webex—COVID-19 Updates. [Click here to access the recording of that Webex.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL21lZXQub3Voc2MuZWR1L29yaW9uL3BsYXliYWNrLmRvP0FUPXBiJlNQPU1DJnJJRD0xNzc4NiZyS2V5PTAxMDAwMDAwNjU5MWQ2Mzg3ZTY4MGRkMGY3N2IxMDA5NmNhOTI5OWNlOGY3ZWY2OTAwYTUwM2NkNmZkZjMzNTUzODI5MzI3NGYxIn0.n6MFwULd_JdXAZKZOsd06I-mDrD3whAjhLsX9660HF0/br/77045177885-l) You will need to download the Cisco Webex player.  Tune in each Wednesday at 2:00 to receive the most current updates and guidance related to the prevention and management of the coronavirus. Watch these updates for next Wednesday’s next call in number.  \*Please note the CDC and CMS guidance updates frequently and each WebEx contains current information that is available at the time of the recording. Recording of Long-Term Webinar on Wednesday, March 25th. Due to some technical difficulties, some people had trouble accessing the webinar recording from last week. [Here is the link for last week's webinar](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDQuMTk3NDY1NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL21lZXQub3Voc2MuZWR1L29yaW9uL3BsYXliYWNrLmRvP0FUPXBiJlNQPU1DJnJJRD0xNzc0MiZyS2V5PTAxMDAwMDAwNjVhYzljZjc0ODRhZTVhMTlkNjdjZmIzMmRiZjE3MWYxMDI0Y2Y2Y2ZkNWI5OWNmNTc3ZDAwMDg4MWMwZGNiYjdlIn0.ZxTGVJNXVX_vmUriPVhRbS8djR_QQSZnJi3g_VG2gl4/br/77045177885-l), but please keep in mind that the current health crisis is an ever-evolving situation, and some information may have changed since the time of this recording. We apologize for any inconvenience the issues may have caused.   |  | | --- | |  | |

**COVID-19 Alert for LTPAC from AAPACN**

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| [**AAPACN COVID-19 Resources for LTPAC**](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWFwYWNuLm9yZy9jb3JvbmF2aXJ1cy1yZXNvdXJjZXMtZm9yLWx0cGFjP19jbGRlZT1ZMjl1Ym1sbFFHTmhjbVZ2YTJ4aGFHOXRZUzVqYjIwJTNkJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWNvbnRhY3QtMmM3YTU2NDUyZDY4ZTgxMTgwZjkwMDBkM2EwMTEwOWItNjY4Y2FkNTZhMTA5NDhlZWE5NWJkMmUwMWE2N2MzNTAmZXNpZD0xZWQxZDc5YS00Njc0LWVhMTEtODBlMy0wMDBkM2EwZGNlMWM&K=potX0A1uRnSanBBhmmO70Q) |
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| New AAPACN Tool: [COVID-19 Healthcare Personnel Screening Form](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMQ%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWFwYWNuLm9yZy93cC1jb250ZW50L3VwbG9hZHMvMjAyMC8wMy9BQUROU19DT1ZJRC0xOS1IZWFsdGhjYXJlLVByb2Zlc3Npb25hbC1TY3JlZW5pbmctRm9ybV9GSU5fVi4xLjIucGRmP19jbGRlZT1ZMjl1Ym1sbFFHTmhjbVZ2YTJ4aGFHOXRZUzVqYjIwJTNkJnJlY2lwaWVudGlkPWNvbnRhY3QtMmM3YTU2NDUyZDY4ZTgxMTgwZjkwMDBkM2EwMTEwOWItNjY4Y2FkNTZhMTA5NDhlZWE5NWJkMmUwMWE2N2MzNTAmZXNpZD0xZWQxZDc5YS00Njc0LWVhMTEtODBlMy0wMDBkM2EwZGNlMWM&K=GO-wLZLRsGlkf1wjKcMs_w) |
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| **Three Important Links for Today:**   * [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMg%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY21zLmdvdi9maWxlcy9kb2N1bWVudC9zdW1tYXJ5LWNvdmlkLTE5LWVtZXJnZW5jeS1kZWNsYXJhdGlvbi13YWl2ZXJzLnBkZj9fY2xkZWU9WTI5dWJtbGxRR05oY21WdmEyeGhhRzl0WVM1amIyMCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTJjN2E1NjQ1MmQ2OGU4MTE4MGY5MDAwZDNhMDExMDliLTY2OGNhZDU2YTEwOTQ4ZWVhOTViZDJlMDFhNjdjMzUwJmVzaWQ9MWVkMWQ3OWEtNDY3NC1lYTExLTgwZTMtMDAwZDNhMGRjZTFj&K=p1G3fjDwolzNmtc6FPPvww) (SNF info pages 9-12) * [Long Term Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities and/or Nursing Facilities): CMS Flexibilities to Fight COVID-19](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3AMw%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY21zLmdvdi9maWxlcy9kb2N1bWVudC9jb3ZpZC1sb25nLXRlcm0tY2FyZS1mYWNpbGl0aWVzLnBkZj9fY2xkZWU9WTI5dWJtbGxRR05oY21WdmEyeGhhRzl0WVM1amIyMCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTJjN2E1NjQ1MmQ2OGU4MTE4MGY5MDAwZDNhMDExMDliLTY2OGNhZDU2YTEwOTQ4ZWVhOTViZDJlMDFhNjdjMzUwJmVzaWQ9MWVkMWQ3OWEtNDY3NC1lYTExLTgwZTMtMDAwZDNhMGRjZTFj&K=KA0bRgXGF8nnJBMry_1K2w) * [Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Outbreak at Canterbury Rehab, 3/29/2020](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3ANA%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9wYWx0Yy5vcmcvc2l0ZXMvZGVmYXVsdC9maWxlcy9MZXNzb25zJTIwTGVhcm5lZC5wZGY_X2NsZGVlPVkyOXVibWxsUUdOaGNtVnZhMnhoYUc5dFlTNWpiMjAlM2QmcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9Y29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MCZlc2lkPTFlZDFkNzlhLTQ2NzQtZWExMS04MGUzLTAwMGQzYTBkY2UxYw&K=JvIWLA58N4VMgoT-Ud_VlQ)     **Important CMS Update on Use of Telehealth:**  CMS eliminated restrictions on the use of telehealth in nursing homes to explicitly permit physicians and non-physician practitioners conduct visits via telehealth options. The telehealth waiver, [included among a broader set of such actions](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3ANQ%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY21zLmdvdi9maWxlcy9kb2N1bWVudC9zdW1tYXJ5LWNvdmlkLTE5LWVtZXJnZW5jeS1kZWNsYXJhdGlvbi13YWl2ZXJzLnBkZj9fY2xkZWU9WTI5dWJtbGxRR05oY21WdmEyeGhhRzl0WVM1amIyMCUzZCZyZWNpcGllbnRpZD1jb250YWN0LTJjN2E1NjQ1MmQ2OGU4MTE4MGY5MDAwZDNhMDExMDliLTY2OGNhZDU2YTEwOTQ4ZWVhOTViZDJlMDFhNjdjMzUwJmVzaWQ9MWVkMWQ3OWEtNDY3NC1lYTExLTgwZTMtMDAwZDNhMGRjZTFj&K=lgtNYHEhvsRmBqb7WnJ80w), effectively permits virtual interventions at nursing homes across the country. The telehealth wavier allows provider to perform initial and discharge services remotely and allows telehealth visits to occur more frequently than the previously every 30 days. The telehealth waiver, and others, are retroactive to March 1 and allows providers to bill for any such services they may have provide at any point in March.    **Potential PPE Resource:**  [Protectanurse.com](https://elink.clickdimensions.com/c/6/?T=OTY4MDM0ODY%3AMDItYjIwMDkyLWNjYTUxYzQ5ZDhkYzQ1YWE4NGExZTc5MWZmNGI1ZjFj%3AY29ubmllQGNhcmVva2xhaG9tYS5jb20%3AY29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MA%3AZmFsc2U%3ANg%3A%3AaHR0cHM6Ly9wcm90ZWN0YW51cnNlLmNvbS8_X2NsZGVlPVkyOXVibWxsUUdOaGNtVnZhMnhoYUc5dFlTNWpiMjAlM2QmcmVjaXBpZW50aWQ9Y29udGFjdC0yYzdhNTY0NTJkNjhlODExODBmOTAwMGQzYTAxMTA5Yi02NjhjYWQ1NmExMDk0OGVlYTk1YmQyZTAxYTY3YzM1MCZlc2lkPTFlZDFkNzlhLTQ2NzQtZWExMS04MGUzLTAwMGQzYTBkY2UxYw&K=oFVTWYKBJ_3UC3Ifwd0Mvw) is a website helping to facilitate matchups between PPE donations and healthcare professionals. AAPACN has learned that, although the site currently is geared toward hospitals, the managers are willing to add nursing homes manually if you e-mail your facility location and needs to [protectanurse@gmail.com](mailto:protectanurse@gmail.com). We are sharing this as a possible, not guaranteed, source of PPE for your critical staff. |

**Care Providers Oklahoma Leadership Conference has been RESCHEDULED**

Care Providers Oklahoma has RESCHEDULED the annual Leadership Conference to July 29th, 2020. Prior registrations from March 31st will be automatically transferred to July 29th. If registrants are unable to attend on July 29th please contact Care Providers Oklahoma to cancel registration. More information will follow.

**Reminder: Care Providers Oklahoma Office Coverage**

Care Providers Oklahoma staff will continue to work remotely from home as warranted. We are all still here to assist you with whatever needs you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us as necessary.

**Please visit our NEW Care Providers Oklahoma COVID -19 Resource Page**

Care Providers Oklahoma is providing regular [COVID-19 updates](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) via our website including all the AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates.