Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 7, 2020

**Dr. Joseph Ouslander - Featured Guest on COVID-19 Office Hours**

Sharing an invitation to the upcoming **“Office Hours”.** This interactive Office Hours session will feature special guest speakers, Dr. Joseph G. Ouslander and Dr. William Russell. Dr. Ouslander not only co-created the INTERACT tool, but recently published a COVID-19 special article and editorial in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. He and Dr. Russell will review these publications and will share key updates, actionable guidance, and resources to assist long-term care providers in their COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts. Register [here](https://telligenqinqio.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJErdOutrz4vjMNxEO-BT7_JMPz7KEF5LA).

**CMS Dallas - Important COVID-19 Call Opportunities 4/7/20**

Please see the important call information below.

"**CMS Office Hours" on COVID-19 Today @ 4:00 Central**

You are invited to "**CMS Office Hours" on COVID-19** tomorrow, **Tuesday, April 7th from 5:00 - 6:00 PM EST**, the first in a series of opportunities for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS's temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

* Increase Hospital Capacity CMS Hospitals Without Walls.
* Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce.
* Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
* Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

We encourage you to **submit questions in advance to** [**partnership@cms.hhs.gov**](mailto:partnership@cms.hhs.gov?subject=Office%20Hours), including "Office Hours" in the subject line. There will also be live Q&A.

Dial-in details below. Conference lines are limited, so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and membership.

**When:**Tuesday, April 7 @ 4:00 - 5:00 CDT

**Toll-Free Attendee Dial In:** 833-614-0820

**Event Plus Passcode:** 6793622

**Audio Webcast link:** [https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=cecb08ad-929f2186-cecb3992-0cc47a6d17cc-db3ca8a4c175de3d&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=1817](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fprotect2.fireeye.com%2Furl%3Fk%3Dcecb08ad-929f2186-cecb3992-0cc47a6d17cc-db3ca8a4c175de3d%26u%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fengage.vevent.com%2Frt%2Fcms2%2Findex.jsp%3Fseid%3D1817&cf=6316&v=ef7aec19a911c412671fb0c55416e95489bde1106cd8b3198cad4889f75c8452)

You can find a copy of the full press release and related materials here:  [https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-makes-sweeping-regulatory-changes-help-us-healthcare-system-address-covid-19](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fpress-releases%2Ftrump-administration-makes-sweeping-regulatory-changes-help-us-healthcare-system-address-covid-19&cf=6316&v=6b593ec383390bfa6bc6f6d5c98e411d8b7b21362b8da9bd242884b0ce18b945)

To keep up with the important work the White House Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19, please click here: [www.coronavirus.gov](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coronavirus.gov%2F&cf=6316&v=3db7339ddfbceadc4681a015f3eeb9ad2e038cf04ed59303cd0718dd1c42629d). For information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2FAbout-CMS%2FAgency-Information%2FEmergency%2FEPRO%2FCurrent-Emergencies%2FCurrent-Emergencies-page&cf=6316&v=c7b65b6b816dd6cf05684e0154e8b8e0b4551552a7b2db82117fa16e7688fe44).

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**Special Open-Door Forum addressing**

**Telehealth in Medicare during COVID-19**

CMS invites you to a Special Open-Door Forum addressing CMS’ actions to increase access to Telehealth in Medicare during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

This Special Open-Door Forum is open to everyone, if you are a member of the Press, you may listen in but please refrain from asking questions during the Q & A portion of the call. If you have inquiries, please contact CMS at [*Press@cms.hhs.gov*](mailto:Press@cms.hhs.gov). Thank you.

**This call will begin promptly at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, April 8.**

Wednesday, April 8th

1:30-2:30 PM ET (12:30 -1:30 CENTRAL)

Dial-in Information

1-888-455-1397

Participant passcode: 3535324

**Please dial in 15 minutes ahead of time**

Additional Information

CMS has also released a video providing answers to common questions about the Medicare telehealth services benefit. CMS is expanding this benefit on a temporary and emergency basis under the 1135 waiver authority and Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

[Video](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dbdb9NKtybzo%26feature%3Dyoutu.be&cf=6316&v=be8365763a9799c42a6797b5bc0af0a4146ed238073d31fa5c4282616d207c5e)

You can access recordings of this call along with transcripts on the following link: [https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518143&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cms.gov%2FOutreach-and-Education%2FOutreach%2FOpenDoorForums%2FPodcastAndTranscripts&cf=6316&v=9997866a6dde2dba20fdafc9909596f7f22b7ae82549bda72c4af8dd5cf3c07b). We will continue to host calls and share information through our list serves and media.

**Attention Care Providers Oklahoma Members!**

With appreciation to CPO Board Member Scott Pilgrim for the connection, our association has secured 300,000 surgical masks at a price of $1.25/per mask each.  This is a “members only” opportunity. The masks are scheduled to be at the Care Providers Oklahoma office no later than Monday, April 13th. We will distribute the masks from our training center once the masks are in our possession; if the masks arrive earlier than expected we will move our distribution day up accordingly.  It will be up to the participating members to arrange for a courier to come to Care Providers Oklahoma’s office during the pick-up window. Payments can be submitted via corporate check, credit card or via wire transfer.

Due to the limited quantity, orders will be processed first-come/first-served until the allotment is exhausted.  If demand for these masks is strong enough, we can potentially facilitate a subsequent order.

Shanna Reece and Connie Guinn will be facilitating orders on behalf of Care Providers Oklahoma.  Please contact Shanna at [shanna@careoklahoma.com](mailto:shanna@careoklahoma.com) or call 405-239-0073 or Connie at [connie@careoklahoma.com](mailto:connie@careoklahoma.com) or 405-239-0076 between hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to secure your requested quantity of masks and to coordinate payment arrangements.  Payments will be expected at delivery or in advance of delivery.  No product can be released without payment. Wire instructions and the “payable to” information will be provided by Shanna and/or Connie once the masks are in the continental US and on the road to Oklahoma.  We hope you find this opportunity helpful as your team capably and professionally serves the residents in your care.

Remember, this is a “members only” opportunity and orders will only be accepted until we reach the number of masks expected in this shipment.

**OSU Testing Facility ready for more tests!!!**

OSU has 13,000 testing kits ready for COVID tests and turn around in 24 hours. Initially they were only serving hospitals, but they are now ready to expand to primary care and other locations. **You will need a requisition form with each sample**.  Please contact OSU directly if interested.

<https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/laboratory-resources.html>

**Directly from the OSU landing page:**

[Download the requisition form](https://go.okstate.edu/site-files/docs/covid-19-announcement/osu-laboratory-requisition-form.pdf). This form **must** be included with each sample. We accept all swab and transport media approved by the CDC.

·  Contact the OSU Diagnostic Laboratory Business Office at [(918) 561-1894](tel:9185611894) or at [covid19testing@okstate.edu](mailto:covid19testing@okstate.edu) to schedule a pick-up of samples by our courier company.

· If you are a provider and are geographically close to Stillwater, you can deliver samples directly to the OSU Diagnostic Laboratory during business hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. However, please contact the business office at the information above and you will be provided further details regarding sample drop-off.

· Upon receipt from the courier, samples will be tested within approximately 24 hours. (If future exigencies create delays, we will update this timeframe). All test results will be reported through the PHIDDO system and all patient results will be sent to their health care provider via encrypted email. If an email is unavailable, results will be faxed to health care providers at the number indicated on the requisition form but may cause up to a 24 hour delay in receipt of results.

· Upon receipt of results, the Fact Sheet for Providers and Fact Sheet for Patients can be found under the “FAQs and Test Fact Sheet” link. The Fact Sheet for Patients must be provided to all patients tested with the assay (TaqPath™️ COVID-19 Combo Kit) used by Oklahoma State University Diagnostic Laboratory. **This is the Providers responsibility.**

**COVID-19 Pandemic Response Webinar Series Session II Begins Tomorrow!**

The Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has challenged all long-term care facilities to make modifications to their day-to-day care and services to achieve compliance with all the Infection Control restrictions being mandated by Federal, State, and local governments. This pandemic will have a significant impact on the psychosocial well-being of residents and staff due to the limitations on movement within the facility environment, a moratorium on visitation, and a shrinking caregiving staff as the virus continues to spread exponentially. [This](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A83e25063-ab48-4603-8663-0d184bd89e90) part 2 of the 3-part series of discussions offers guidance on adapting care and services to achieve compliance with regulatory directives, while maintaining quality of life for all concerned. This webinar is approved for NAB CEU’s for administrators. Please click on the following [link](https://members.careoklahoma.com/webinar-events) to register for the COVID webinar. Anyone the registers for the FULL series will have access to the recording from Session I.

**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.