Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 8, 2020

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting its third COVID-19 webinar on **Wednesday, April 8th from 1:00 to 2:30.**

The webinar will include information and discussion of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions and answer.  The webinar

is open to Owners, Operators, Administrator and Executive Staff of Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Continuum of

Care Facilities, Assisted Living Centers, Residential Care Homes and Adult Day Care Centers.

**Join the meeting:** [**Here**](https://meet.ouhsc.edu/orion/joinmeeting.do?ED=lcF3AP_35itv5QBlggkR1Q==&Rnd=0.2378349950899441)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Access Information**

Meeting Number:  996 941 065

Password: (This meeting does not require a password.)

Audio Connection: (405) 271-2466 (External Access); 12466 (Internal Access)

Access Code:  996 941 065

**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).

## **CMS COVID-19 Call with Nursing Homes**

Join the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a call on ***COVID-19 with Nursing Homes***, **Wednesday, April 8th** at 3**:30 PM CST.** CMS leadership will provide updates on the agency’s latest guidance and we will be joined by leaders in the field interested in sharing best practices with their peers. The call will be recorded if you are unable to join us.

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.

**Wednesday, April 8th from 3:30 – 4:00 PM CST**

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

**Conference ID: 6798274**

**Web Link:** [https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=fe1249b7-a24740a4-fe127888-0cc47adb5650-02e519beae86a324&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=1822](https://urldefense.proofpoint.noclick_com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDcuMTk4Nzg2MjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3Byb3RlY3QyLmZpcmVleWUuY29tL3VybD9rPWZlMTI0OWI3LWEyNDc0MGE0LWZlMTI3ODg4LTBjYzQ3YWRiNTY1MC0wMmU1MTliZWFlODZhMzI0JnU9aHR0cHM6Ly9lbmdhZ2UudmV2ZW50LmNvbS9ydC9jbXMyL2luZGV4LmpzcD9zZWlkPTE4MjIifQ.-2DLnzCSuYZvVZQSBh3RfhO92VrZJJWe0yOb9-5F-2D2iXB24_br_77138853350-2Dl&d=DwMFAA&c=GSntNbUav5AC0JJIyPOufmfQT3u3zI7UKdoVzPd-7og&r=PMyglXWQyQnFzW_3zP0lstzqbID8E0pzaUu7lb2Cn0I&m=RyeDc8pkN1kErZ2jcigjpZmnuPl_9fa6PCcF2FtqJsA&s=VkB26mfYMO96IgVatc_POo3iwxvY1YiundDnx8kMAF0&e=)

We greatly appreciate the incredible work of nursing homes and assisted living facilities around the country to keep our senior citizens healthy during these difficult times. We look forward to continuing our work together on this important issue.

**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*.

## COVID-19 Webinar from Telligen

## Join Us for our COVID-19 Office Hours

## Update: COVID-19 in Geriatrics and LongTerm Care

## April 9, 2020 2:30 pm CT / 1:30 MT

Featured guests for Telligen's April 9th COVID-19 Office Hours:

Dr. Joseph Ouslander, co-creator of INTERACT, and Dr. William Russell

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.

* [Coronavirus-19 in Geriatrics and Long-Term Care: An Update](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..kN0rqt1NdIkpJCGaEZGaMDdnvIOOK3BvONiqDZBxd18/br/77142952385-l)
* [Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Geriatrics and Long‐term Care: The ABCDs of COVID‐19](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..1RzMBo0X37NY919QKd2pJIw-a_vhz9iJ3FZwrnMpOpg/br/77142952385-l)

Dr. Ouslander’s distinguished career and lifelong achievements in clinical geriatrics include the creation and dissemination of Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers [(INTERACT)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9..SvdtYwEZSoVE5uF86F3dmUq4qf2ziwSWwEx3sXHwtSg/br/77142952385-l), a quality improvement program that assists long-term and post-acute care organizations in improving care and reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and their related complications and costs.

Dr. Russell is an internist and geriatrician focused on value-based care for seniors in the ambulatory setting. He serves as the medical lead for Conviva Care Centers in Palm Beach County Florida, responsible for the care of over 25,000 older patients. He was a technical lead at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT for the Transitions of Care Challenge Grants.

Dr. Christine LaRocca, a fellowship-trained, board-certified geriatrician and Medical Director for Telligen, will serve as the facilitator for this office hours call.

### [You can register here.](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA0MDcuMTk4ODMwNzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3RlbGxpZ2VucWlucWlvLnpvb20udXMvbWVldGluZy9yZWdpc3Rlci90SkVyZE91dHJ6NHZqTU54RU8tQlQ3X0pNUHo3S0VGNUxBIn0.oiC1oz6b67IWOeNLcjwFSpsVevRbKBzPBv-eFw5F2Rs/br/77142952385-l)

**Remedi SeniorCare Webinar – April 14, 2020**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14

**Time:** 10 am – 10:30 am

Join the meeting: <https://join.me/william.vaughan>

Join by phone:

1-202-602-1295

Conference ID: 200-195-123#

**Title:** The clinical, operational and regulatory impact of COVID-19 on pharmacy services and medication management.

**Description:** Despite the unprecedented challenges facing long-term care providers, resident safety dictates that the core functions surrounding medication management and pharmacy services remain a priority. This 30-minute webinar will share best practices related to drug management, medication pass optimization, consultant pharmacist collaboration and regulatory compliance.

**Presenters:**

Erin M. Foti, PharmD, BCGP

Director of Consulting Services

Remedi SeniorCare

William M. Vaughan RN, BSN

Vice President, Education and Clinical Affairs

Remedi SeniorCare

**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 Today!**

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.

**Diakonos Group shared some best practice tools.**

Resident Evaluation and Observation is a tool they have been using since COIVD started. It has helped with early identification of the virus. All other tools are best practices the facility has implemented. Please feel free to reach out to Scott Pilgrim or Kimberly Green with further questions.

[Resident Evaluation and Observation](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ace193adf-b334-4ee5-b3c7-7019d5f1b2f2)

[Return to Work](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A99b08ce1-a440-4606-9c23-79d7dd49bd6b)

[Referrals](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A2050835e-2467-42c2-85fd-66fb0d05d1fd)

[Potential Exposure](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aebcc749d-796e-4787-9cbb-870feede8cde)

[Staff Screening](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A235d5dc9-9cd6-4981-8b18-dda37d8a35df)

**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.