Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 14, 2020

**Telligen Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours!!**

Telligen is extending Office Hours to include all hospitals and post-acute care providers. Dr. Dale Bratzler will be our first guest speaker this Wednesday, April 15th at 11:00am. We hope you can join.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 11:00-11:30am

Register now at:

[https://conta.cc/3b0cl0x](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconta.cc%2F3b0cl0x&data=02%7C01%7Clara.brooks%40okstate.edu%7Cf11790cda74047a3cab108d7dff1f73c%7C2a69c91de8494e34a230cdf8b27e1964%7C0%7C0%7C637224102717769788&sdata=bWBunTjXB1S5PkxdvQMy20AE1oQcbUs2rDUXfgkr%2BCI%3D&reserved=0)

Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours will feature COVID-19 and Infection Prevention speakers from across the care continuum including subject matter experts, local stakeholders, and partners from your state. This interactive session will conclude with an opportunity to answer questions.

Dr. Dale W. Bratzler, D.O., M.P.H. will be a part of our discussion during this session. Dr. Dale W. Bratzler serves as Chair of the Hospital Advisory Council at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Chief Quality Officer at the Oklahoma University Physicians Group, and as Professor of Medicine at the College of Medicine.

## **COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance from CMS**

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):

* 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)

**COVID-19 Update #39| New OSHA Resources: Low/Unavailable PPE and Reporting Staff Cases** AHCA/NCAL released four new resources on guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on critically low or unavailable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). These [new resources](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2039.pdf) are applicable to all long term care providers.

**COVID-19 Update #38 |** **Notification Guidelines for Confirmed COVID-19 Cases**

AHCA/NCAL released [new guidance](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2038.pdf) and a press statement on notifying public health officials and stakeholders about confirmed cases of COVID-19 in long term care facilities.

**AHCA/NCAL Issues Guidance on Reporting COVID-19 Cases in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Communities**

AHCA/NCAL [updated guidance](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Adb955c6e-d268-472a-8091-e01ad38d6856) to long term care providers about the need to notify their state survey agency about COVID positive residents and staff.

**Attention Care Providers Oklahoma Members!**

Currently we have 55,250 surgical masks remaining at a price of $1.25/per mask each.  This is a “members only” opportunity. We will distribute the masks from our training center once the masks are in our possession. 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 or call 405-239-0073 or Connie or call 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.

**Thank you to our Silver Business Associate Member Remedi SeniorCare!!**

Thank you to Erin M. Foti, PharmD, BCGP & William M. Vaughan RN, BSN from Remedi SeniorCare for today’s Webinar [sharing](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A011a6e5b-912f-4a63-ad6b-d55b470c6c96) best practices related to drug management, medication pass optimization, consultant pharmacist collaboration and regulatory compliance during COVID-19.

**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 and past daily Member Updates.