Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 20, 2020

**NEW Webinar TOMORROW - Caring for a Dementia Resident During the COVID-19 Crisis...You've Got to Be Kidding Me...How Can I Keep Them Safe?** 1.25 NAB CEU’s available  
Presented by Linda Farrar, LNHA

**Date:**April 21, 2020

**Time:**2:00PM to 3:15PM CST

**Cost:** Member CEU - $56.65 / Non-Member CEU - $113.30   
**Course Description:**   
Caring for residents with dementia and dementia-related symptoms is a challenge in the best of circumstances. But now with this world-wide pandemic and the necessary restrictions the challenge has become monumental. This webinar, presented by Linda Farrar, RN LNHA will offer staff strategies to deal with those challenges based on the strengths of residents with dementia rather than their weaknesses.

**Register** [here](https://careprovidersoklahoma.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/ep070Qer)

**LTC COVID-19 Conference Call**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 **conference call** on **Wednesday, April 22nd, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**

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

The conference call 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.

**We have changed our platform to a conference call that will accommodate up to 500 participants.**

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Access Information**

USA Toll-Free: 888-363-4735

Access Code:  1177868

**COVID-19** [**Update #44**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2044.pdf) **| CMS Announces New Requirements for Reporting Confirmed Cases**

Administrator Seema Verma announced that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be requiring skilled nursing care centers to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to residents and families. SNFs will also be required to report confirmed cases directly to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Details on how to do this will be forthcoming later this week from CMS.

**COVID-19** [**Update #43**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2043.pdf) **| Updated Return to Work CDC Guidance**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released new interim [guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhealthcare-facilities%2Fhcp-return-work.html) on return to work criteria for healthcare personnel (HCP) with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. Centers are to use the test-based strategy as the preferred method for determining when HCP may return to work. If test-based strategy cannot be used, the non-test-based strategy may be used for determining when HCP may return to work. HCP with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms should be excluded from work until 10 days have passed since the first date of their positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

**Please complete this Quick Workforce Survey**

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce is partnering with Care Providers Oklahoma to help with workforce recruitment.  We have been asked about specific needs in long-term care.  To help facilitate the recruitment strategy, gathering some quick data points on recruitment needs will help prioritize the work with Commerce.  The survey will take 2 minutes to complete.  We appreciate your participation!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G98FQJ5>

**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.

Long term care and assisted living residents are sheltering in place without visitors to keep them safe from #COVID19. Join Care Providers Oklahoma to brighten up their day and send them a message of support via our Facebook page with hashtag **#CareNotCOVID**

**Care Providers Oklahoma** [**Facebook Profile Pic Frame**](https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=2905473726207118)

### **#CareNotCOVID Campaign Supports Nursing Home Residents, Staff**

The [Jasper (AL) Daily Mountain Eagle](https://mailview.bulletinhealthcare.com/mailview.aspx?m=2020041701ahca&r=9077144-7fa5&l=005-7af&t=c) (4/12, Cohron, 27K) [reports](http://mountaineagle.com/stories/carenotcovid-site-bringing-messages-of-love-to-nursing-home-residents,24809??), "The American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living have a new campaign to deliver virtual messages of love and support to nursing home residents and staff." People can record messages at carenotcovid.com, and they can be uploaded to the site directly. Additionally, individuals can "post a message on their social media pages and use the campaign hashtag **#CareNotCOVID**." National Center for Assisted Living communications director Rachel Reeves said, "We saw people starting to do this on their own. We wanted to offer a collective place for all of those messages to come through."