Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 23, 2020

**COVID-19 Update #48 | Preparing for Widespread Testing**

[**COVID-19 Update #47**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2047.pdf) **| Additional Distribution of Provider Relief Funds**

Two weeks ago, we learned that skilled nursing would be included as part of the stimulus bill’s (aka the CARES Act) $100 billion Provider Relief Fund, when HHS distributed the first $30 billion from the fund and all skilled nursing facilities received 6.2% of their 2019 Part A and Part B Medicare payments. HHS announced an additional $40 billion in distributions, with checks going out as early as this Friday.

**Update on National Skilled Nursing Care Week May 10-16, 2020**

This year, while it is more important than ever to celebrate NSNCW and recognize the staff and residents in our skilled nursing care centers across the nation, it is a challenge to figure out how best to do so. Current social distancing rules and the inability of friends and family to enter the buildings has changed much of the day to day life of the staff and the residents, and no one knows how long this is going to continue. One thing is certain, though, and that is that staff are playing a critical role in caring for residents and saving lives, and that deserves to be honored and celebrated. We hope you will find ways to recognize your staff during NSNCW.

NSNCW is also a time to recognize your residents, their special relationships with staff, and the family members that all make up your unique and wonderful communities. Keeping your community connected through the use of technology and social media is a great way to prevent social isolation and lift everyone’s spirits.

**Please complete this Quick Workforce Survey**

Care Providers Oklahoma is partnering with The Oklahoma Department of Commerce 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.  This survey should take 2 minutes to complete.

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

About 40% of the survey participants have expressed a need in assistance in developing a training protocol to address the recent flexibility offered by OSDH. Natashia Mason will be contacting those indicating needing assistance individually to discuss training protocol for specific issues. We appreciate your participation!

**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 daily Member Updates.

Please visit the [**COVID -19 Resource Page**](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) to find NEW vendors with available PPE supplies

Join Care Providers Oklahoma to brighten up long term care and assisted living residents day and send them a message of support via our Facebook page with hashtag **#CareNotCOVID** Please share your ideas and tell us what you’re doing by connecting on Facebook and Twitter using **#CareNotCOVID**

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