Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 30, 2020

**NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group**

Last Week NAHCA hosted the first EVER, [NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJuVNaV3CiNUl_YLIIykMG1skaobILhc2ByS3_gVTcFhzc37JexlBXAleNLWfQeXImUjTlYIDmRIiTgcEXaUqyLMYmt1dnPim_dsTWTxMJ7KE6sTzJMLQ_CA==&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==).

This will be something NAHCA will host weekly. With so much interest for an additional morning session time, The NAHCA Team is looking into getting that going as well.

This is an invitation to all CAN’s to join NAHCA today at 6pm central.

The support group is hosted on Zoom, that way we can be together in the best way possible at this point. Please feel free to message Drake Taylor dtaylor@nahcacna.org with any questions.

[RSVP](https://www.facebook.com/events/3016023541769914/?event_time_id=3016023548436580) TODAY

**How to Join Thursday's NAHCA Meetings:**

Topic: [NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJuVNaV3CiNUl_YLIIykMG1skaobILhc2ByS3_gVTcFhzc37JexlBXAleNLWfQeXImUjTlYIDmRIiTgcEXaUqyLMYmt1dnPim_dsTWTxMJ7KE6sTzJMLQ_CA==&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==)

**﻿Every week on Thu,**

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**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81660472292](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJCoTTFg3B5XYJMU0bwOnbUdDjzWU5f56A7GXGUgBd1rcFfzG3xpu6eme7zzP6dkjfewxR2dQTxqlsUK0-7x2BAoIiJPJLoZ3sWDKWvfzJjpI=&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==)

Meeting ID: 816 6047 2292

[**COVID-19 Update #55**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2055.pdf) **| Getting Started with NHSN Reporting**

The CDC released the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) [COVID-19 reporting module](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html) for long term care facilities.

**Webinar from John A. Hartford Foundation and Partners on Supporting Nursing Homes**

On Friday, May 1st from 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET, The John A. Hartford Foundation will be hosting a national [webinar](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WpSbamLjRtqek6jNbay_Ag) to discuss a new initiative to address the urgent issues facing nursing homes during the COVID-19 crisis. They are inviting all nursing home stakeholder organizations to participate and are seeking leaders on the front lines, such as nursing home administrators, medical directors, directors of nursing, and others to join.

Register [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WpSbamLjRtqek6jNbay_Ag) for the webinar

[**COVID-19 Update #54**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2054.pdf) **| CDC Webinar Trainings for LTCF COVID19 Module: New Mandatory Reporting**

CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network has announced two upcoming webinar trainings for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module, which is expected to be a new requirement by CMS. The final rule from CMS on this requirement is still pending. However, CDC is making the module available to nursing homes now.

The training webinars will be recorded and posted to the [LTCF COVID-19 Module webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html) with a PDF of the slide presentation.

First Topic: **COVID-19 Module Overview for Long-term Care Facilities**

Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:30-3:00 PM EDT (12:30 PM CST)

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1616453257?pwd=aWdkNVdWeGJWMXZJSk9NOW5VK1lqdz09external icon](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1616453257?pwd=aWdkNVdWeGJWMXZJSk9NOW5VK1lqdz09)

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Please note that links are **available only during the date and time of the event.**

Second Topic: **COVID-19 Enrollment Guidance for Long-term Care Facilities**

Friday, May 1, 2020 1:30-3:00 PM EDT (12:30 PM CST)

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1600846348?pwd=aSs3WlRnakt1SHhsT2U2WEdydnhqUT09external icon](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1600846348?pwd=aSs3WlRnakt1SHhsT2U2WEdydnhqUT09)

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**Or Telephone:** Dial +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666

**Webinar ID: 160 084 6348** **Password: 322258**

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**CDC Increases Priority for COVID-19 Testing in Long Term Care Residents**

This week, the CDC made changes to its [priority classifications for COVID-19 testing](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html). The CDC has now modified its priority classifications into two categories: high priority and priority, and both healthcare facility workers with symptoms and residents in long term care facilities with symptoms are classified as high priority. In addition, the CDC states that healthcare workers with contact with a person with known or suspected COVID-19 should be considered for testing. Residents and health care workers in long term care facilities without symptoms may also be prioritized by state or local health departments or clinicians, for reasons including public health monitoring, sentinel surveillance, or screening of other asymptomatic individuals.

**How Can the Ombudsman Program Help?**

The Ombudsman program’s primary focus is to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care residents. Ombudsman programs are a community resource and their outreach can help to calm fears by providing information and resources to residents, their families and center staff.

How can I contact the Ombudsman program?

To find a program near you, visit this [website](https://theconsumervoice.org/get_help).

Call the Eldercare Locator: 1-800-677-1116

More information about the Ombudsman program is available [online](https://ltcombudsman.org/).

**CDC Launches LTC Frontline Staff Training Webinar**

CDC has developed resources for frontline staff in long term care facilities. These short webinars are all published on the [Key Strategies to Prepare for COVID-19 in Long-term Care Facilities webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care-strategies.html) at the bottom under a “Webinar Series” section. These new webinars are intended to be a training tool/resource for frontline long-term care staff members.

Here are the direct links to each webinar:

[Sparkling Surfaces](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7OH8ORr5Ig&feature=youtu.be)

[Clean Hands](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmYMUly7qiE&feature=youtu.be)

[Closely Monitor Residents](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZbT1Njv6xA&feature=youtu.be)

[Keep COVID-19 Out!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7srwrF9MGdw&feature=youtu.be)

[PPE Lessons](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYTATw9yav4&feature=youtu.be)

**CDC Updates COVID-19 Symptoms**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have updated their [list of COVID-19 symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html). The symptoms now include cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing or at least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell.

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

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. 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. One thing is certain, though, staff are playing a critical role in caring for residents and saving lives, and that deserves to be honored and celebrated. How are you planning to recognize your staff during NSNCW?

Let us also remember that Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th – the beginning of National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Care Providers Oklahoma would like to show-off how your facilities are celebrating Mother’s Day and National Skilled Nursing Care Week during this time by showcasing your facilities on social media via [our Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/careprovidersoklahoma/?ref=bookmarks).

**Spring Convention 2020**

Planning an in-person convention is still quite problematic due to the continuing restrictions on group sizes and the unknown of potential viral spread as the economy slowly reopens. Therefore, this year we are preparing to hold a virtual spring convention for our organization.  It will incorporate continuing education opportunities for our facility members and a unique exhibition/engagement from our vendors and business associate members.  We will be promoting the entire month of June as our “Convention Month”. More information to follow

**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