Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 4, 2020

**Scope and Authority of Long-Term Care Task Force**

The Department initiated [long‐term care task forces](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A7c05491f-ad0f-45cd-ac33-6ddcbf443015) in each of Oklahoma’s nine health districts, and with the Oklahoma and Tulsa County Health Departments. These task forces are comprised of local community health nurses, epidemiologists, infectious disease specialties, and long‐term care nurse surveyors. Task force members will perform contact tracing, observe and consult on infection control practices, monitor for appropriate personal protective equipment use (PPE), monitor PPE use rates, and perform and/or assist in testing residents and staff as circumstances warrant and resources permit.

**ECHO Long Term Care COVID-19 Response Plan for Skilled Nursing Facilities Call Today**

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**Childcare Assistance for Oklahomans**

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and the ensuing safer-at-home orders, many frontline workers have been unable to take their children to their normal daycare or school. [Kith.care](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A601e1064-d50f-441a-8856-e238b8a4ea28) was created by the State of Oklahoma through Human Services to help these essential workers utilize family to provide reimbursable, in-home childcare. We encourage you to please share this among your staff and have them visit [www.kith.care](http://www.kith.care) to begin.

[**COVID-19 Update #58**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2058.pdf) **| New SNF Reporting Requirements Take Effect May 8th**

In [Update #56](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2056.pdf), we communicated about CMS release of an [interim final rule](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-medicare-and-medicaid-ifc2.pdf) with comment period which revises § 483.80, establishing explicit reporting requirements for long-term care (LTC) facilities to report information related to COVID-19 cases among facility residents and staff. These reporting requirements are applicable on the effective date of this interim final rule, which is the date of the publication at the Office of the Federal Register. CMS has informed AHCA that the new requirements for nursing homes in this rule was effective as of **May 1**. CMS’s intention is that the first of the weekly reporting to CDC in the NHSN COVID-19 module are submitted by May 8. We are advocating that there be a grace period for enforcement of this rule given the lack of clarity on the notifications to residents, their representatives and families, as well as the technical complexities and quantity of information that must be submitted to CDC for NHSN COVID-19 reporting.

[**COVID-19 Update #57**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2057.pdf) **| CMS Updates SNF Blanket Waivers**

CMS has issued several [new blanket waivers for long term care providers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-long-term-care-facilities.pdf). The following blanket waivers are in effect, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020 through the end of the emergency declaration.

**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).

**Care Providers Oklahoma NOW OFFERING Distance Learning courses!**

Care Providers Oklahoma is now offering [on demand education](https://careoklahoma.nextthought.io/login/) to earn NAB CEU’s at your own leisure. Simply login and create an account to get started!

**Spring Convention 2020**

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