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Aides Training Programs Newsletter

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Introduction to the Aides Training Programs Newsletter

IDOH is establishing this newsletter to better communicate with Indiana CNA, QMA and HHA training programs and provide timely important updates. This newsletter is planned to be sent out at least quarterly and more often as necessary.

Please share the link to subscribe to this newsletter with others who would like to receive it. If you have not received emails from IDOH, please also ensure we have your email address by emailing IDOHLtctrainingprograms@health.in.gov with your training program's updated contact information.

Link to subscribe to IDOH Aides Training Programs Newsletter:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INSDH/subscriber/new?topic_id=INSDH_921

Statewide NATCEP Waiver – Update

Although the statewide NATCEP waiver for Indiana was granted until March 29, CMS has provided clarification that all nursing aide training emergency waivers for states and facilities will end at the end of the PHE, which is expected on May 11. At that time, long-term care facilities will have four months (i.e., until Sept. 10) to have all nurse aides who are hired prior to the end of the PHE complete a state-approved NATCEP. Nurse aides hired after the end of the PHE will have up to four months from their date of hire to complete a state-approved NATCEP.

Project Firstline Infection Prevention and Control Newsletter and Survey Available

The Indiana Department of Health collaborated with the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community (CAC) to integrate Project Firstline materials into CNA education programs and schools of nursing. Project Firstline, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) initiative, provides free innovative infection prevention and control materials you can use to educate your students.

CAC would like to engage you in two ways:

1. First, sign up for a monthly newsletter to receive all the latest information about what's going on with Project Firstline in Indiana by visiting CAC's website (https://uindy.edu/cac/project-firstline) or scanning the QR code on the attached flyer.
2. Second, your input is important to the success of the project. Please respond to a short survey about Project Firstline at this link. Thank you for your participation.

CAC aims to work with you to use CDC-developed infection prevention training materials to best prepare your CNA training cohorts. CAC will strategize new and innovative ways to utilize infection control resources in practical application and provide ongoing technical assistance. In addition, CAC will gather information for a thorough data analysis of the evaluative process as the curriculum is implemented.

While you're visiting the CAC Project Firstline website, check out the other resources posted there, including online video modules where healthcare workers can learn at their own pace and an opportunity to receive weekly Project Firstline tips texted directly to your phone.

Clarifications for Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) Classroom Training Provided Online

For Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) Training entities providing any of the 60 hours of classroom instruction online, each student must receive a minimum of eight hours of in-person lab training with an IDOH approved program director or instructor prior to participation in clinical instruction involving direct resident care. Laboratory time must be allocated to allow each student to perform the tasks under the personal observation of the program instructor. This may be incorporated into the classroom session or conducted after classroom hours at the discretion of the program instructor. The online classroom instruction must be completed within 120 days from the date the class starts.

Each student must receive periodic oversight from an IDOH-approved program director or instructor during the classroom training. This will require contact with each student one on one or as a group and needs to be documented.

The training program should develop the online classroom training and ensure it follows IDOH QMA curriculum.

When a training program submits their next master schedule for an upcoming class, also include a lesson plan breakdown on how the online course will take place, including how classroom hours will be tracked and how often the instructor will have contact with the students. New training programs should include this information with their initial application for approval of their training program.

Train the Trainer Courses

IDOH approves three entities to provide the CNA/QMA Train the Trainer course:

- [IU – School of Nursing Indianapolis](#)
- Healthcare Education Consultants, Janet Terrill, RN and Nancy Adams, RN
  Contact: jkterrill@gmail.com or Nadams121578@gmail.com
  Website coming soon: HECIndiana.com
- Ivy Tech Community College [Train the Trainer](#)
  Email: cna-qma-training@ivytech.edu

Individuals who have completed the course through any other entity will not be approved by IDOH as program directors or delegated instructors for a training program.

Any questions can be sent to IDOHLtctrainingprograms@health.in.gov.