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Long-term Care **NEWSLETTER**

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Long-term Care Update:

- COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes Tool & Toolkit Update
- FAQs Update:
 - Infection Prevention FAQs for Long-term Care – Update
 - Respiratory Protection FAQs – CDC
- 2021 Civil Money Penalty Educational Programs

COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes & Toolkit Update

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) combined the COVID-19 focused infection control survey with the infection prevention, control, and immunization pathway used on the recertification survey. There will now be one pathway that can be used for both recertification and focused infection control surveys. The survey tool [Infection Prevention, Control & Immunization](#) is also available on the [COVID-19 Toolkit for Long-Term Care Facility](#).

FAQ Updates

The [Infection Prevention FAQs for Long Term Care](#) has been updated. This document includes updates on contact tracing, HCP return to work and new quarantine guidance, TBP crisis gown use, zip walls and doors, environmental controls, N95 and faceshields re-use and proper wear. The updates are highlighted in yellow. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has also issued [Frequently Asked Questions about Respiratory Protection](#) that includes information on N95 User Seal Check.

2021 Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Education Programs

The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community will be offering the following educational programs. These educational programs are developed from CMP funds with the goal to improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents in Indiana nursing homes. All the programs will be virtual sessions and there are no fees to attend.

Abuse and Neglect Prevention – February 3, 2021

This program is designed to serve as an introduction to abuse and neglect prevention with long term care specific content and examples. Topics included are human dignity, scope and severity, rules and regulations, reporting requirements, active listening and de-escalation techniques, recognition of potential triggers and training others in prevention and intervention.

[Register for Feb. 3, 2021 course.](#)

Emergency & Disaster Management – February 11 & 25 / March 9 & 23

This program is designed to serve as an introduction to emergency and disaster management with long term care specific content and examples. Topics and activities include: two table-top exercises, the four phases of emergency management, preparing and testing your Emergency Action Plan and emergency communication.

[Register for February 11 & 25 course](#)

[Register for March 9 & 23 course](#)

Building an Infection Prevention Savvy Workforce - February 12, 19 & 26

This program is an introduction to infection control specific to long-term care content and examples. This training meets the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations for infection prevention specialist working in long-term care nursing facilities.

[Register for February 12, 19 & 26](#)

Contact [Lidia Dubicki](#) with questions.