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## Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

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### Long-term Care Update:

- Guidance for Recent Orders Concerning CNAs
- CNA Training in Facilities Banned from NATCEP

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### Guidance for Recent Orders Concerning CNAs

Late last month the Indiana Department of Health issued two emergency waiver orders designed to increase the pool of available CNAs for long-term care facilities during the public health emergency. These orders – an [Amended Order to Facilitate Certified Nurse Aide Training](#) (the “Order to Facilitate”) and an [Amended Order to Expedite Certified Nurse Aide Training for Personal Care Attendants and Temporary Nurse Aides](#) (the “Order to Expedite”) – have raised some questions. To address those, the Department offers the following some clarification and guidance.

#### Required COVID-19 Education

Both the [Order to Facilitate](#) and the [Order to Expedite](#) require at least two (2) classroom instruction hours focused on COVID-19 prevention, control, and remediation. The [Order to Facilitate](#) also requires at least one (1) additional hour of supervised clinical experience focusing exclusively on COVID-19 prevention, control, and remediation education.

To meet these requirements (which must be documented), candidates pursuing CNA status under either of the Orders should:

1. Train for no less than two (2) hours on the Indiana Department of Health’s [COVID-19 LTC Facility Infection Control Guidance Standard Operating Procedure](#)  
  
(with emphasis on the CDC’s [Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection](#)), [Use of Face Shields or Protective Eyewear/Goggles](#), and [Visitation Guidelines for Long-term Care Facilities](#).
  2. Complete supervised clinical experience with focus on use of PPE and hand hygiene as discussed in the [Infection Control Standard Operating Procedure](#).
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## **CNA Training in Facilities Banned from NATCEP**

Some have asked whether CNA training under the Order to Facilitate and/or the Order to Expedite can occur in a NATCEP-banned facility. The answer, as confirmed by CMS, is “yes” so long as the [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers](#) remain in effect, and there is no sign they will expire any time soon. These waivers permit any comprehensive care facility that is currently NATCEP-banned (either as a facility-based program or in partnership with a non-facility based program) to be used for or part of a CNA training program conducted pursuant to the Order to Facilitate or the Order to Expedite. (Anyone wanting a detailed analysis of this question should email Nancy Adams at [NAdams1@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:NAdams1@isdh.IN.gov).)