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LTC Update:

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COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Reporting – REMINDER

All facilities must complete the LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Attestation Form through REDCap after you have completed administering boosters to currently eligible residents (including booster clinics with pharmacy partners, local health departments, IDOH mobile teams, etc.). This survey will remain open through the end of December to allow facilities to submit their information, but we ask that facilities submit their information as soon as possible upon completing boosters so that we can provide our COVID-19 response team with up-to-date information. Thank you to the +100 facilities that have already submitted their booster information.

- [LTC COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Attestation Form](#)

Probari continues to reach out to facilities that have not responded to the [COVID-19 Booster Preparedness & Needs Survey](#) or indicated that they will not be able to complete boosters in early December. If your facility needs assistance with acquiring vaccine or administering booster doses, please respond to the Preparedness & Needs Survey.

- [COVID-19 Booster Preparedness & Needs Survey](#)

CMS COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Rule – Update

On Tuesday, November 30, a federal district court issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against CMS' interim final rule [Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination](#), placing a temporary hold on enforcement. No further information is available at this time from IDOH or CMS while the matter is being resolved by the courts.

[Vaccination Regulation: Enforcement of Rule Imposing Vaccine Requirement for Health Care Staff in Medicare- and Medicaid-certified Providers and Suppliers is Suspended so Long as Court Ordered Injunctions Remain in Effect.](#)

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COVID-19 Reporting Refresher and Clarification

IDOH has noticed an increase in reporting issues for POC test results as well as deaths. Recent guidance from CSTE would like us to be specific about the type of the test. Hence, we are providing the instructions below for clarification.

[COVID-19 Reporting Refresher and Clarification](#)

LTC Leadership Conference Recordings Available

The Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference “Moving Forward & Recognizing Concerns” was held Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The conference was a virtual event for healthcare providers. Recordings and presentation slides of the conference sessions are available below.

[Leadership Conference 2021](#)

New Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Coordinator

Arron Caquelin, RN, is the new RAI coordinator. Please email any MDS/RAI questions to ACaquelin@isdh.in.gov or call the MDS/RAI Clinical Help Desk at 317-233-4719.