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LTC Updates:

- COVID-19 Protocol for NEMT Providers – *REVISED*
- Maintenance Access to COVID-19 Vaccine in Long-term Care Facilities – *NEW*
- Quarantine Guidance for Long-term Care Residents and Staff - *REVISED*

COVID-19 Protocol for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Providers – *REVISED*

The March 19, 2021 [COVID-19 Protocol for NEMT Providers](#) protocol replaces and nullifies the December 14, 2020 “Notice to Nursing Facilities and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Providers”.

Maintenance Access to COVID-19 Vaccine in Long-term Care Facilities – *NEW*

The Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, which provided vaccinations to residents and staff at more than 70,000 enrolled long-term care facilities (LTCFs), is coming to an end this month. Going forward, Indiana wants to ensure LTCFs have continued or “maintenance” access to COVID-19 vaccine for new or unvaccinated residents and staff.

[Maintenance Access to COVID-19 Vaccine in Long-term Care Facilities](#) provides information and options for LTCFs going forward.

Quarantine Guidance for Long-term Care Residents and Staff

The 90-day timeframe related to the vaccine effectiveness for fully vaccinated individuals is being removed from the quarantine guidance. According to the CDC, the vaccine

effectiveness and duration is still being evaluated. The hope is that protection from the vaccine will extend well beyond 90 days and until more data is available, the guidance for fully vaccinated people does not have any time restrictions.

[Quarantine Guidance for Long-term Care Residents and Staff](#)