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Facility Closure Requirements – Medicare/Medicaid & Residential

The LTC Division has revised the facility closure requirements for both Medicare and/or Medicaid facilities and residential care facilities effective Sept. 1.

Please email question regarding the closure process ltpviderservices@isdh.IN.gov.

[IDOH Medicare and/or Medicaid Facility Closure September 2021](#)

[IDOH Residential Care Facility Closure September 2021](#)

Outbreak Sequencing – Temporarily Suspend

IDOH has temporarily suspended Indiana's participation in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's sequencing project due to the current Delta surge and the need to prioritize resources and operations at the state level and within LTC facilities.

Updated Information: [Outbreak Sequencing Process – Update 9-1-21](#)

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.

CMS Expands Medicare Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expanding opportunities for people to receive COVID-19 vaccination at home. Healthcare providers can now receive additional payments for administering vaccines to multiple residents in one home setting or communal setting of a home to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries who have difficulty leaving their homes or are otherwise hard-to-reach get vaccinated. This announcement aims to further boost the administration of COVID-19 vaccination – including second and third doses – in smaller group homes, assisted living facilities and other group living situations.

Complete details: [CMS Expands Medicare Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)