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LTC Update:

- **COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance in Long-term Care Facilities – Revised**
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Discharge to Long-term Care Facilities & Hospital to Post-Acute Care Transfer COVID-19 Assessment – Updated**
- **Influenza Vaccination Requirements – REMINDER**
- **Leadership Conference – Registration**

COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance in Long-term Care Facilities – Revised

The [COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance in Long-term Care Facilities](#) has been revised. On page 2 – bullet 3 – “Fully vaccinated HCP may choose to **not** wear eye protection, regardless of county positivity rates, unless resident is in TBP due to symptoms of COVID-19, exposure or positive diagnosis.” has been **deleted**.

COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Discharge to Long-term Care Facilities & Hospital to Post-Acute Care Transfer COVID-19 Assessment – Updated

This guidance has been updated based on currently available information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide guidance to long-term care facilities (LTCFs), including nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities, about discharging, admitting, and readmitting a resident from a hospital who has presumed or confirmed COVID-19.

[COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Discharge to Long-term Care Facilities](#)

[Hospital to Post-Acute Care Transfer COVID-19 Assessment Form](#)

[IDOH COVID-19 IP Toolkit](#)

Influenza Vaccination Requirements – REMINDER

All nursing homes are required each year to offer each resident an influenza immunization Oct. 1 through March 31, unless the immunization is medically contraindicated or the resident has already been immunized during this time period. Facilities should offer the vaccine as soon as supply is available. While multiple vaccine options are available, CDC recommends use of any licensed, age-appropriate influenza vaccine during the 2021-22 influenza season.

[Seasonal Flu Vaccines | CDC](#)

In addition, each resident should be offered a pneumococcal vaccination, unless medically contraindicated or already immunized.

[Pneumococcal Vaccination: What Everyone Should Know | CDC](#)

NOTE: COVID-19 vaccines may be administered without regard to timing of other vaccines. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day. If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each injection in a different injection site.

[Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

Leadership Conference – Registration

The Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference “Moving Forward & Recognizing Concerns” will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The conference this year will be a **virtual event** for healthcare providers.

Leadership Conference

The Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference began in June 2007. Each conference was designed to be a one-day conference focusing on a single healthcare issue or concern. These conferences brought together healthcare leaders to promote improvement in quality of care and quality of life for long-term care residents. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic no conference was planned. In 2021, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) decided to move forward and provide a **virtual** conference. This conference will look at the experience of COVID-19 and the effects on healthcare, personnel, residents, and families.

Invited Individuals

The IDOH – Long-term Care Division recommends long-term care personnel such as facility administrators, directors of nursing, staff educators, or other members of the facility team attend.

Corporate personnel and consultants are also invited. In addition, individuals from professional organizations such as Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, QSource, Hoosier Owners and Providers for the Elderly (HOPE), Indiana Health Care Association (IHCA), Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), Leading Age Indiana, Indiana Ombudsman, and patient safety coalitions staff are invited to attend.

Conference Funding

Registration fee is \$25.00. This fee is for meeting costs that are not allowed to be paid with civil money penalty funds.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

CEUs will be available for social workers and health facility administrators. Certificate of Completion are also available. Forms will be available electronically the day of the conference. Only registered participants can request CEUs. CEUs will be given based on attendance at sessions. Attendance at all the conference sessions will award five (5) CEUs.

[Registration Information](#)