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CMS Updates:

- **QSO-21-19-NH Interim Final Rule—COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff**

IDOH—LTC Toolkit Updates:

- **COVID-19 LTC Facility Infection Control Guidance Standard Operating Procedure—Update 05.13.21**
- **Long-term Care Facilities Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination—Update 05.13.21**

QSO-21-19-NH Interim Final Rule—COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff

On May 11, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published an interim final order with comment period (IFC). This rule establishes **Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff**. The new requirement includes educating residents, resident representatives and staff regarding the benefits and potential side effects associated with the COVID-19 vaccine and offering the vaccine. LTC facilities must report COVID-19 vaccine and therapeutics treatment information to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

CMS will post the new information reported to the NHSN for viewing by the facilities, stakeholders, or the general public on CMS's [COVID-19 Nursing Home Data](#) website.

Noncompliance related to the new requirements for educating and offering COVID-19 vaccination to residents and staff will be cited at F-887. Noncompliance related to COVID-19 vaccination reporting will be cited at F-884.

For complete and detailed information see: [Interim Final Rule—COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Resident and Staff](#)

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- An update in section - GENERAL COVID-19 INFECTION CONTROL FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES – COVID-19 Negative (Green) – 7. If any **one person congregates** in group activity or communal dining area is **not fully vaccinated**, all residents should wear facemask while not eating and the **unvaccinated persons must physically distance > 6 feet**.

Long-term Care Facilities Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination—Update 05.13.21 - pages 1 & 9-11

[Long-term Care Facilities Guidelines in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

- Update in section – Guiding Principles – Key Facility Indicators: New Facility-onset cases and positive staff cases information – page 1
- Update in section – PERSONAL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE FACILITY Q&A- changes for **unvaccinated persons must physically distance > 6 feet** – pages 9-11

[LTC Toolkit—Updated 5.14.2021](#)