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## **Long-term Care** **NEWSLETTER**

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### **LTC Update:**

- Masking Guidance—**CHANGE 07.01.2021**
- Essential Family Caregiver Program
- COVID-19 Vaccine—Benefits of Vaccination Flyer

### **Masking Guidance—CHANGE 07.01.2021**

Due to a recent COVID-19 outbreak in a LTC facility, involving a few vaccinated residents and several unvaccinated others, and new information that the delta variant positive cases are trending up nationwide, IDOH is retracting “unmasking during one-to-one care” as a choice for the vaccinated HCP, from last week’s guidance.

Updated Documents:

[COVID-19 LTC Facility Infection Control Guidance Standard Operating Procedure](#)

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

### **Essential Family Caregiver Program**

The COVID-19 pandemic affected those who live in long-term care facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. One of the many detrimental effects from this pandemic was the psychological toll from social and emotional isolation. Recognizing the critical role that outsider caregivers play in the well-being of long-term care residents, state lawmakers and healthcare providers worked together to establish legislative policy that will ensure residents can continue to receive the physical and emotional care required.

The Indiana Department of Health has established new guidelines to ensure these programs are present in all facilities. An Implementation Toolkit provides facilities with information and tools to support the Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program.

All facilities shall create and maintain an EFC Program to ensure all long-term residents can continue to receive the person-centered care needed in the event of future visitation restrictions related to a public health emergency or other declared emergency.

[Essential Family Caregiver Program—Implementation Toolkit](#)

[Essential Family Caregiver Program—Education Power Point](#)

### **COVID-19 Vaccine—Benefits of Vaccination Flyer**

The [COVID-19 Benefits of Vaccination Flyer \(Spanish Version\)](#) provides information related to the COVID-19 vaccine including:

- Best Reason to Get Vaccinated
- Vaccine by the Numbers
- Risk of Hospitalizations
- Vaccine Reactions
- What the Vaccine DOESN'T do
- Who can get the vaccine?

Find a vaccination site near you at [OurShot.IN.gov](https://www.ourshot.in.gov).