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LTC Update:

- **Updated Survey Documents for Healthcare Staff Vaccination Requirements**
- **Federal Government Extends COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**
- **CMS Federal Waivers Ending**

Updated Survey Documents for Healthcare Staff Vaccination Requirements

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised [QSO-22-09-ALL](#) and [Attachment A](#), regarding the healthcare staff vaccination requirements, on April 5, 2022. The [survey resources file](#) has been updated to include the [Long Term Care Survey Process Procedure Guide](#), [Staff Matrix for F888](#) and the [Infection Prevention, Control & Immunizations Pathway](#).

Federal Government Extends COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The federal government renewed the determination that a public health emergency (PHE) exists due to COVID-19 on April 12, 2022.

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/COVID19-12Apr2022.aspx>

CMS Federal Waivers Ending

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced federal waivers are ending. This includes the waiver of the requirement that nursing facilities may not employ a nurse aide for longer than four months unless they meet the training and certification requirements under

§483.35(d). Refer to the CMS [press release](#) and [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC](#). IDOH will have more information in an upcoming issue of the LTC Newsletter regarding guidance and a process for nursing facilities to notify IDOH of capacity issues in training and testing programs that will result in a delay for a CNA to meet the full requirements within four months after the federal waiver ends.