

These virtual inspections will NOT be used for Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, The Office of the State Fire Marshal wants to remind everyone that the fire & life safety codes and standards are still applicable.

All commercial and multi-occupancy residential buildings should maintain fully operational fire and life safety systems as required by the applicable codes and standards.

Those responsible for these buildings should adhere to the expected schedules for inspection, testing, and maintenance that are vital to their operation.

We have made the decision to start implementing virtual inspections. These virtual inspections will be used when there is an abundance of people in one setting. They will not be used for all inspections. They will be used on a case by case basis with other occupancy types.

We will utilize video chat capability to inspect certain facilities that are due for their inspections. Our inspectors will contact the facility and give them instructions on how to send in their required documentation. Our Inspectors will set up a time to do the real time video chat inspection.

To facilitate the virtual inspection process, facilities will need to maintain all required documentation in electronic format and must be able to provide these, upon request, in a single file, zipped or compressed when necessary in a timely manner.

These virtual inspections are being used all over the U.S. while trying to prevent the spread of the COVID 19. Please remember to practice social distancing, proper PPE and good hygiene.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Thank you,

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