

Resources for COVID-19 Information

- ▶ [KDHE](#)
- ▶ [CMS QSO Memos](#)
- ▶ [CMS Regulations and Guidance](#)
- ▶ [1135 Waiver Information](#)
- ▶ [KDADS COVID Guidance Documents](#)
- ▶ [CDC](#)
 - ▶ [Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes](#)
 - ▶ [Testing Guidelines for Nursing Homes:](#)
 - ▶ [Performing Facility-wide SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Nursing Homes](#)
 - ▶ [Interim Guidance on Testing Healthcare Personnel for SARS-CoV2](#)
 - ▶ [Considerations for Retirement Communities \(CCRC\)](#)
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Question: When are nursing homes supposed to be wearing masks and when are hospitals supposed to be wearing masks? There is a variation in interpretation/application among neighboring health care facilities

- ▶ KDADS Response: Nursing home staff should be wearing masking in accordance with CMS guidelines.

Question: Compare and contrast how CDC guidance is being applied and communicated/reinforced by KDHE and KDADS in LTC, acute care, hospital-based LTCUs and other health care settings (like clinics & doctor's offices).

- ▶ **KDADS Response:** KDADS communicates important updates and information to all adult care homes through guidance documents and memos that can be found on our website as well as through email. It is important to note that the email will be sent to the administrator/operator of record on the facilities home page in the KOTA web application.

Question: When does KDADS expect CMS to adopt the current CDC guidance for LTC?

- ▶ KDADS Response: KDADS does not have a timeline for when CMS will implement new guidance.

Question: What does KDADS expect of state-licensed only adult care homes related to masking and other COVID-19 precautions.

- ▶ KDADS Response: State licensed only adult care homes are expected to following the latest CDC guidance as well as their facilities policies and procedures.

Question: Do we have to keep residents spaced 6 feet apart still or mask them in common areas?

- ▶ KDADS Response: Please following CMS guidelines for nursing facilities and the CDC guidelines for state licensed only facilities.

Question: We are being told the CDC guidelines can be interpreted and applied by KDADS surveyors and there could be deficiencies if we aren't doing what the surveyors think. True?

- ▶ KDADS Response: This is false, all KDADS Nursing Home surveyors are trained and up to date with all aspect of the long-term care survey process provided by CMS and it is mandated that we utilize this process when surveying for conditions of participation.

Question: Is it still required to separate positive residents from those who are not positive? (Specific example was roommates.)

- ▶ KDADS Response: Please following CMS guidelines for nursing facilities and the CDC guidelines for state licensed only facilities.

Question: Please provide an update on how federal contract surveys for F-888 will be impacted by QS0-22-17 that was released on 6/14/22

- ▶ KDADS Response: KDADS does not have an update currently.

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