

4-7-22 COVID-19 Update for Local Partners Q&A

<p>Is KDHE making a decision on masking in hospitals? Currently CDC continues to require masking.</p>	<p>“Hospitals should be following current CDC Guidance. KDHE does not have additional or different guidance than CDC as it relates to screening or mask guidance for hospitals, but hospitals should follow CDC guidelines.”</p>
<p>I missed part of Myron's report. Does that mean the CLIA labs that perform COVID-19 testing of any kind only need to report positive results?</p>	<p>If you are doing rapid antigen or rapid PCR tests, only the positive results are reportable now to KDHE (change effective April 4). If you are doing a lab-based NAAT test (like a laboratory analyzed PCR test) both positive and negatives have to be reported to KDHE (so, no change).</p>
<p>How long will the courier continue, or is it expected to continue, end of June?</p>	<p>We have a contract through the middle of next year. We would ideally like to extend courier service beyond that if funding is available.</p>
<p>Will laboratory supply requests from two months ago be honored now that supply chains are better?</p>	<p>It would be best to resubmit so we can be sure to get it in the queue.</p>
<p>Can we get written instruction from the state that we are to retain expired therapeutics? Expired MABs would be a glaring deficiency on a survey.</p>	<p>I'll reach out to HHS as this is their recommendation.</p>
<p>Re the HPOP ordering, will that limit who can order to the person that does the reporting?</p>	<p>To make the order, the individual must have access to the HPOP Therapeutics section.</p>
<p>Will we still report Sotrovimab to TeleTracking?</p>	<p>Yes, that is still the direction of HHS.</p>
<p>Will there be updated guidelines this year for overnight summer camps as there has been in the past?</p>	<p>We are moving away from issuing a lot of specific guidance where there is a guidance available through CDC. We are going to offer testing supplies to summer camps like we did last summer so if you have a camp that is interested, please have them reach out to me Farah.Ahmed@ks.gov.</p>
<p>Any info on XE yet? According to WHO it is a recombinant of BA1 and BA2</p>	<p>I don't think there is a lot of information available yet about symptom severity, infectivity, etc. Will keep an eye out.</p>
<p>If negative results are not reported, the rate that we go by will be completely distorted. How will this work?</p>	<p>We will no longer report on testing rates, percent positivity, and any other metric that uses total number of tests as the denominator. We will report on disease rates per population.</p>
<p>Can you please reshoot the URL for the QSO or post it in chat?</p>	<p>QSO-21-08-NLTC Revised 2/4/22 https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-08-nltp-revised.pdf</p>

<p>If a facility has signage posted with the required COVID-19 signs and symptoms questions and states a visitor should not enter the facility or to contact a staff person prior to proceeding - would this meet the screening process?</p>	<p>The facility should establish a Process to Identify and Manage Individuals with Suspected or Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Infection</p>
<p>Any update on under 5 vaccines?</p>	<p>Nothing yet. No updates have been provided or meetings scheduled at this time.</p>
<p>We've been told that some chain pharmacies are not offering the 2nd booster. Is there something we are missing? We thought it was fully approved.</p>	<p>The recommendation is complete, clinical guidance updated as well as the EUAs. Have no idea why some would not be offering it. We have no control over the Federal Pharmacy partners.</p>
<p>Do you have any recommendations on how to reconcile the difference between the CDC and CMS vaccine mandate interpretation of what is fully protected from COVID-19. The CMS vaccine mandate says you are protected if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine series. CDC says you are up to date if you have completed the vaccine series and received any recommended boosters. I know that CDC is guidelines and CMS is regulatory.</p>	<p>Through QSO-22-07-ALL issued 12/28/21, CMS expects all providers' and suppliers to follow national standards of practice which would be CDC recommendations.</p> <p>The memo list specific guidance for provider types and certified suppliers. CMS has released a series of frequently asked questions which was updated most recently on 2/3/22. This document can be located at: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-omnibus-covid-19-health-care-staff-vaccination-requirements-2021.pdf</p> <p>This may provide additional clarification of your question on Page 9 of 15.</p> <p>For questions regarding the vaccine mandate, we will refer you to the CMS – Regional Office, Kansas City, MO at ROKCMORA@cms.hhs.gov</p>
<p>Would KDHE allow for fully vaccinated as stated by CMS when looking at compliance?</p>	<p>KDHE Health Facility Surveyors will not be surveying for Conditions of Participation (CoPs) or Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) relevant to the CMS vaccine mandate. Providers and or suppliers may be surveyed for compliance to the vaccine mandate through their Accrediting Organization or other resources as determined by CMS.</p> <p>For questions regarding the vaccine mandate, we will refer you to the CMS – Regional Office, Kansas City, MO at ROKCMORA@cms.hhs.gov</p> <p>For a review of the vaccine mandate and the specific provider/supplier type: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-22-07-all.pdf</p>