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For Immediate Release:

The OSFM has had questions come in about placing patio heaters on the outside of facilities to keep visitors warm outside the facility due to COVID19 restrictions.

While CMS has not issued any specific instructions regarding the use of patio propane heaters, keep in mind that when installing outdoor structures for visitation, facilities need to ensure appropriate life safety code and health care facilities code requirements found at 42CFR483.90 and all State and local requirements are met.

Please remember that using these heaters should also be done by the manufacturer's instructions. You are required to keep the manufacturers manual/instructions on hand for inspection purposes.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Thank you,

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