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During one of our presentations we had some very good questions, below you will see the answers. If you have any questions, please contact ashley.rogers@ks.gov

Q: Can Covid-19 be counted in the Emergency Preparedness plan this year?

A: Covid-19 can count as your Full-Scale Emergency Preparedness Exercise. All steps of the Emergency Preparedness plan must be followed and documented, along with the after-action plans. Any actual event which is identified in your EP plan may be counted toward the annual exercise requirements if properly documented.

Q: How do you suggest we do our tornado drill since we cannot have everyone group in one area?

A: When conducting tornado drills, you can break into groups to control how many people are around each other at once (example being wing A goes, then wing B goes...)

Q: If we have an Assisted Living that's attached to a LTC facility, are we still going to be doing the Assisted Living inspection?

A: This really depends on the facility and how it's laid out. If there is a 2 hour separation between the occupancies, we will inspect the Assisted Living portion.

Q: We have not allowed contractors into the facility to perform quarterly or annual maintenance. How will this be handled?

A: The requirements to complete routine inspection, testing and maintenance (ITM) were not waived due to Covid-19. These should be scheduled and completed as soon as possible. If there were any missed, you will need to document why they were missed (due to the Covid-19 pandemic). Missed routine ITM may be cited during your next inspection.

Q: Fire sprinkler inspection question, our Annual was due in April and was not completed because of COVID. Now we are allowing contractors in the facility and the next quarterly is due. We plan to do the annual, but not sure about the quarterly that is due.

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Thank you,

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