

from Kim Pyles to everyone: 12:07 PM

Are vendors allowed entry without showing proof of vaccination or testing?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:16 PM

Good afternoon everyone! Welcome to today's webinar for long-term care facilities. As always, please remain on mute for the duration of the webinar and if you have any questions, please type them into the chat box.

from JIMMY SCHAFFER to everyone: 12:29 PM

Is it acceptable to allow family to visit with their loved ones in their room with the room mate present. If everyone is vaccinated?

from Jean Heveron to everyone: 12:29 PM

Are LTF still required to maintain a 90 day supply of n-95s etc?

from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:30 PM

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from Barry to everyone: 12:32 PM

Are we supposed to post information about the vaccine levels in residents and staff? And if so, do we just post information about only nursing home residents and staff or also include AL residents and staff?

from asstdir to everyone: 12:33 PM

i signed up for immunet and answered i do not have a freezer, but do have appropriate refrigerator. I received an email stating I must have a freezer to complete signing up. I have regular household freezers, but we have NO intention in purchasing the specialized freezers. NOW WHAT

from Ikemper to everyone: 12:33 PM

Assisted Livingss- as of today do masks need to be worn by staff, residents, or visitors- do we need to screen anymore?

from John B. Henry to everyone: 12:34 PM

I think that the MD directive asks us to treat vendors/contractors as we would staff. Given that we must intermittently test unvaccinated staff, how are we treating them like staff if we are not requiring evidence of vaccination or a negative test within a certain timeframe?

from Brenda Evans to everyone: 12:36 PM

How often do unvaccinated staff need to be tested?

from andrea dwyer to everyone: 12:37 PM

Hospitals are always listed as staffed beds- can you explain this terminology? beyond the obvious answer.

from andrea dwyer to everyone: 12:38 PM

Do we have any information, as you talk to CDC, routinely, on senior congregate outbreaks in parts of the country that are seeing Gamma infections in the community.?

from andrea dwyer to everyone: 12:39 PM

Meg Quinn. I am sorry what is your title and role in MD DOH?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:40 PM

is there a specific cold storage unit that is needed

from Phil (privately): 12:40 PM

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from wwadd to everyone: 12:40 PM

How do you register if pharmacy is providing vaccine and we do not have A COLD SYSTEM/REFRIG?

from jdemoss to everyone: 12:40 PM

If you are already enrolled in Immunet, are you already enrolled as a provider? Or is there something else I need to do?

from SCarson to everyone: 12:42 PM

Does Immunet provide all 3 vaccine types? Currently we only have J&J for use.

from asstdir to everyone: 12:42 PM

I received an email regarding my application for registration to immunet-they are asking for me to provide a freezer model and stated we need BOT refrigerator and freezer

from davlord to everyone: 12:42 PM

I am a hospital based skilled unit. Our hospital is registered with ImmuNet and we do have a ImmuNet #. Do i need to register?

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:42 PM

What type of freezer is recommended?

from Mary to everyone: 12:43 PM

Have they changed the minimum amount of doses that can be ordered? It seems they have a large minimum requirement

from asstdir to everyone: 12:43 PM

i just got this email from immunet today about the freezer

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from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:43 PM

We are a Continuing Care Community,, meaning we have AL and SN in one area. Can AL residents participate in the ImmuNet process as well?

from Epiphany to everyone: 12:44 PM

Is it required that you must have cold storage for the vaccine? our pharmacy stated that we can only order the vaccine when we plan to do a clinic and that you only order what you need?

from Connie (privately): 12:44 PM

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from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:45 PM

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Do your booster shots have to be the same brand. Meaning pfizer to pfizer or can it be pfizer to J & J?

from jsmart to everyone: 12:46 PM

what is Meg's email address again?

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 12:46 PM

Question from a provider: The pictures on the ImmuNet reference guide looks like they are just regular freezer refrigerator options but they don't mention what temperature range is needed. What range is required?

from Lisa Tull to everyone: 12:46 PM

We are using our global health system as the provider and the vaccines are kept off site and sent by courier when needed. do we still need a cold storage unit?

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:46 PM

you only have to report in immuNet - if we are going to purchase the vaccine - correct? we are connected with a pharmacy and it works well

from lisa stone to everyone: 12:47 PM

Meg - can you provide your email address again

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 12:47 PM

Where on the CDC website is that model specific information?

from chudson to everyone: 12:48 PM

To be registered to obtain the COVID vaccine as per the directive, do we need to be registered to report?

from Bret Stine, Keswick MultiCare to everyone: 12:48 PM

Our pharmacy says they will report the information to immuNet. Do we still need to do it?

from Epiphany to everyone: 12:51 PM

Also for the polling questions: We ask the hospitals to test the residents prior to admitting them and do ask about vaccination status. We reuse respirators - they're not single use the standard masks are given

daily to the staff daily when they check in after screening. We haven't gotten guidance any different uses for respiratory PPE

from Hope Nevins to everyone: 12:53 PM

when do we anticipate giving the vaccine again to residents? 9 months 12 months do we know?

from Meg Quinn to everyone: 12:54 PM

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from MDH Epidemiology to everyone: 12:54 PM

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/index.html>

from Jean Heveron to everyone: 1:00 PM

Yes - many young women tell me they worry about the effects on fertility .

from tiffanybrown to everyone: 1:00 PM

My facilities in Charles County are expressing younger women are hesitant related to fertility concerns

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:01 PM

Thank you for sharing. It is a piece of misinformation that has spread quickly.

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:02 PM

This is a helpful resource related to COVID vaccines and misinformation about fertility.

<https://www.statnews.com/2021/03/25/infertility-myth-covid-19-vaccines-pregnancy/>

from tiffanybrown to everyone: 1:02 PM

There are also good resources from ACOG and AWHONN as well to educate women

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:03 PM

Yes, thanks, Tiffany!

from asstdir to everyone: 1:06 PM

can you send the facilities notification if they are on cms list of not reporting

from amarquis to everyone: 1:08 PM

Are daily Covid assessments still required?

from Carol Tarlowoh to everyone: 1:10 PM

Do we still need to screen (temps and/or pulse ox) staff and residents daily?

from Allison Ciborowski to everyone: 1:12 PM

What other COVID-19 vaccine confidence topics would you like to hear about? Please let me know.

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from BALenehan to everyone: 1:13 PM

Can more than two visitors at a time visit SNF residents in their rooms?

from Julie Smith to everyone: 1:14 PM

Are all nursing homes in MD open for general visitation, in rooms and such? And can we provide meals in the dining rooms at this time?

from Michelle Neblett to everyone: 1:16 PM

Can you please help clarify if staff are allowed to wear cloth masks inside SNFs or do they continue to wear surgical masks only? Is it acceptable to wear a surgical mask and then a cloth mask over top?

from Melissa to everyone: 1:16 PM

Can staff wear surgical facemasks for source control on observation units (not COVID unit)?

from Brenda Evans to everyone: 1:18 PM

How often should unvaccinated staff be tested?

from Michelle Mahn to everyone: 1:19 PM

we are loosing business because some nearby facilities are offering unlimited visiting. this is frustrating for us as we are following guidelines

from Cyndi Rogers to everyone: 1:20 PM

did you just say we don't have to do daily screenings of staff , visitors, etc?

from Farah Siddiqui to everyone: 1:20 PM

Can assisted living communities stop taking temperatures at check in and pulse ox for visitors and staff daily per the new CMS guidelines?

from andrea dwyer to everyone: 1:22 PM

Are NH with low community vacations (in the South) seeing outbreaks again. in Nursing homes ??There is not much available info. Available

from marcy hunter, Springvale Terrace to everyone: 1:23 PM

We have a mixed facility with congregate housing and assisted living. Activities are blended. 99.5 % of all residents are vaccinated. We have a mandate for staff. Can residents safely go without masks if everyone including visitors is masked?

from Phil (privately): 1:23 PM

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from Julie Smith to everyone: 1:28 PM

Is there a time limit on visitation times in rooms?

from Guest (privately): 1:28 PM

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Can staff wear cloth masks over surgical masks for a tighter fit inside SNFs

from Carol Tarlowoh to everyone: 1:29 PM

Are tablecloths allowed in AL dining rooms?

from marcy hunter, Springvale Terrace to everyone: 1:29 PM

thank you

from Ashley DiMaggio to everyone: 1:29 PM

Have you heard of people layering vaccine? For example if they got 1 dose of J&J and then get moderna.

from Chinedu Okeke to everyone: 1:30 PM

Can residents attend fireworks

from BALenehan to everyone: 1:31 PM

So no indoor fireworks?