

LIST OF CMS PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS FOR NURSING HOMES CONCERNING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

February 6, 2020

CMS Prepares Nation's Healthcare Facilities for Coronavirus Threat

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-prepares-nationshealthcare-facilities-coronavirus-threat>

March 4, 2020

CMS Announces Actions to Address Spread of Coronavirus

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-actionsaddress-spread-coronavirus>

March 10, 2020

COVID-19 Response News Alert: CMS Issues Key Protective Mask Guidance for Healthcare Workers

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/covid-19-response-news-alertcms-issues-key-protective-mask-guidance-healthcare-workers>

March 13, 2020

Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes (revised March 10, 2021)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-14-nh-revised.pdf>

March 20, 2020

Prioritization of Survey Activities (updated March 10, 2021)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-20-allpdf.pdf>

April 2, 2020

Trump Administration Issues Key Recommendations to Nursing Homes, State and Local Governments

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-issueskey-recommendations-nursing-homes-state-and-local-governments>

April 19, 2020

Source: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000005.pdf>

Trump Administration Announces New Nursing Homes COVID-19 Transparency Effort

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administrationannounces-new-nursing-homes-covid-19-transparency-effort>

April 30, 2020

CMS Announces Independent Commission to Address Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-independentcommission-address-safety-and-quality-nursing-homes>

May 6, 2020

Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf>

May 2020 Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes

(version 26, issued March 2022)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-toolkit-states-mitigate-covid-19-nursing-homes.pdf>

May 14, 2020

Trump Administration Announces Call for Nominations for Nursing Home Commission

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administrationannounces-call-nominations-nursing-home-commission>

May 18, 2020

Trump Administration Issues Guidance to Ensure States Have a Plan in Place to Safely Reopen Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-issuesguidance-ensure-states-have-plan-place-safely-reopen-nursing-homes>

Source: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000005.pdf>

June 1, 2020

COVID-19 Survey Activities, CARES Act Funding, Enhanced Enforcement for Infection Control Deficiencies, and Quality Improvement Activities in Nursing Homes (revised January 4, 2021)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-31-all-revised.pdf>

CMS also issued a letter to governors:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/6120-letter-governors.pdf>

June 19, 2020

CMS Announces Membership of Independent Coronavirus Commission on Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-membership-independent-coronavirus-commission-safety-and-quality-nursing-homes>

June 23, 2020

CMS released revised guidance for nursing home visitation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (revised March 10, 2021)

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-visitation-nursing-homes-residents.pdf>

June 25, 2020

CMS Ends Emergency Blanket Waiver for the Nursing Home Staffing Data Submission Requirement

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-ends-emergency-blanket-waiver-nursing-home-staffing-data-submission-requirement>

July 10, 2020

CMS Directs Additional Resources to Nursing Homes in COVID-19 Hotspot Areas

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-directs-additional-resources-nursing-homes-covid-19-hotspot-areas>

July 14, 2020

Trump Administration Announces Initiative for More and Faster COVID-19 Testing in Nursing Homes

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/07/14/trump-administration-announces-initiative-more-faster-covid-19-testing-nursing-homes.html>

Source: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000005.pdf>

July 22, 2020

Trump Administration Announces New Resources to Protect Nursing Home Residents Against COVID-19

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administrationannounces-new-resources-protect-nursing-home-residents-against-covid-19>

August 17, 2020

CMS Announces Resumption of Routine Inspections of All Provider and Suppliers, Issues Updated Enforcement Guidance to States, and Posts Toolkit to Assist Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-resumptionroutine-inspections-all-provider-and-suppliers-issues-updated-enforcement>

August 24, 2020

CMS Issues Informational Bulletin on Medicaid Reimbursement Strategies to Prevent Spread of COVID-19 in Nursing Facilities

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-issues-informationalbulletin-medicaid-reimbursement-strategies-prevent-spread-covid-19-nursing>

August 25, 2020

Trump Administration Launches National Training Program to Strengthen Nursing Home Infection Control Practices

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administrationlaunches-national-training-program-strengthen-nursing-home-infection-control>

August 25, 2020

Trump Administration Strengthens COVID-19 Surveillance with New Reporting and Testing Requirements for Nursing Homes, Other Providers

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administrationstrengthens-covid-19-surveillance-new-reporting-and-testing-requirements>

August 26, 2020

CMS posts guidance for implementing new testing requirements in nursing homes and labs

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-posts-guidanceimplementing-new-testing-requirements-nursing-homes-and-labs>

September 16, 2020

Independent Nursing Home COVID-19 Commission Findings Validate Unprecedented Federal Response

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/independent-nursinghome-covid-19-commission-findings-validate-unprecedented-federalresponse>

September 17, 2020

CMS Announces New Guidance for Safe Visitation in Nursing Homes During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-newguidance-safe-visitation-nursing-homes-during-covid-19-public-healthemergency>

September 29, 2020

CMS Updates COVID-19 Testing Methodology for Nursing Homes

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-updates-covid-19-testing-methodology-nursing-homes>

November 17, 2020

CMS Releases Nursing Home COVID-19 Training Data with Urgent Call to Action

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-releases-nursinghome-covid-19-training-data-urgent-call-action>

November 18, 2020

CMS Urging Nursing Homes to Follow Established COVID Guidelines This Holiday Season

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-urging-nursing-homesfollow-established-covid-guidelines-holiday-season>

Source: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000005.pdf>

August 18, 2021

Biden-Harris Administration Takes Additional Action to Protect America's Nursing Home Residents from COVID-19

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/biden-harrisadministration-takes-additional-action-protect-americas-nursing-homeresidents-covid-19>

Source: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region1/12000005.pdf>