

COVID-19 Webinar for Home Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

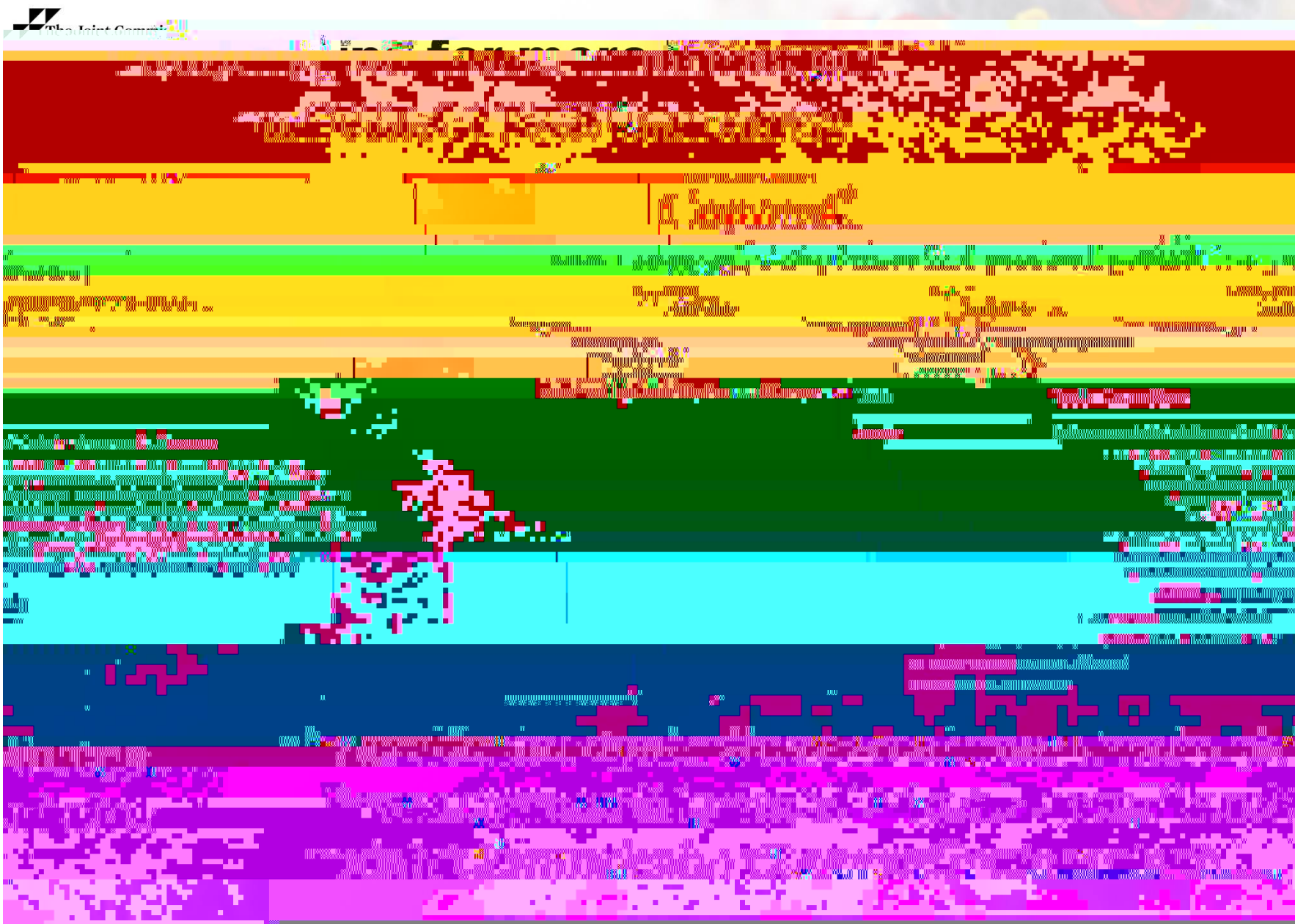
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CMS 1135 Waivers



Pre-Submitted Questions

What are 1135 waivers especially on telehealth?



Vaccination Information

Compliance Timelines

Timelines for

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Establish and implement policies and procedures

All staff have at least one dose of vaccine

Establish and implement policies and procedures

Staff must be 100% vaccinated*

Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the requirements for COVID-19 vaccination? What is considered fully vaccinated?

Pre-Submitted Questions

What should we do if an employee does not want to be vaccinated?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Do we need exemptions from all of our unvaccinated employees?

Current FAQ's

The following is a list of related FAQs:

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Applicable Entities](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Applicable Staff](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - CMS Definition of 'Fully Vaccinated'](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Exemptions](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Good Faith Efforts](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Required Documents, Policies and Procedures](#)

[COVID-19 CMS Vaccination Requirements - Determination of Compliance](#)

Recovery and The Joint Commission

Frequent questions you've submitted

Will I have an Onsite or Offsite (virtual) survey?

How or when will we get a survey?

What type of instruction have you provided to your surveyors?

Onsite survey activity

Onsite survey activity has been ongoing with close monitoring of the rise of COVID-19 and impacts on survey activity.

Organizations should continue to monitor the Notification of Scheduled Events section of the Joint Commission Connect page for notification of the scheduled survey.

We are aware that some surveys are past their due dates, CMS is also aware –

Offsite (virtual) survey

- we are conducting offsite surveys for Disease Specific Care (DSC), free-standing Behavioral Health Care (BHC), and Home Care programs.

What instructions have been provided to our surveyors?

Do not travel if you are sick

Do not travel if you have been in close contact with individuals with known or suspected COVID-19

Avoid large crowds

When traveling wear a mask/face covering

Practice physical distancing

Practice good hand hygiene

All Joint Commission Surveyors and Reviewers conducting on-site events are fully vaccinated, as defined by CDC.

What instructions have been provided to our surveyors?

When onsite wear a medical mask and eye protection is encouraged

Do NOT enter at risk or confirmed COVID-19 resident rooms

Do NOT enter rooms where high-risk procedures performed

The Joint Commission does not have a routine COVID-19 testing program for surveyors

What will be the focus of survey activities?

During the opening conference we will have a discussion with you about the impact of the current pandemic and your organization's response.

We will discuss both Infection Control and Emergency Management.

The focus of our survey will not be the timeframe of the public health emergency but the current situation within your organization.

General Questions

Pre-Submitted Questions

Can a home care nurse administer COVID-19 vaccines in the home?

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Are most agencies using volunteers again? If so, are they going into homes ?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Are there any CoPs specifically related to COVID

Pre-Submitted Questions

If a patient is diagnosed with COVID, can we suspend home visits?

Infection Control Practices

Pre-Submitted Questions

If a COVID patient is discharged home for hospice care after a COVID diagnosis and is still coughing and short of breath but more than 10 days have passed since the positive test, do we have to follow isolation or when can we stop?

Ending Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19: Interim Guidance (updated January 14, 2022)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html>

Pre-Submitted Questions

What is the difference between PPE and wearing a mask because of COVID?

NIOSH Science Blog: Respiratory Protection vs. Source Control – What's the difference? _____

Pre-Submitted Questions

protects the wearer
Gloves – contamination of hands (e.g., exam gloves)

Pre-Submitted Questions

How does my organization decide if we need to wear PPE?

OSHA PPE Requirements

In general, employers must:

- Perform a “hazard assessment” to identify possible risks for exposure

- Identify and provide appropriate PPE

- Train employees in the use and care of the PPE

- Maintain PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE.

- Monitor compliance and periodically review, update and evaluate the effectiveness of the PPE program.

Pre-Submitted Questions

Which PPE should homecare staff be wearing?

CDC Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic (updated February 2, 2022) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/control-prevention/healthcare-workers>

Pre-Submitted Questions

Should mask and eye protection still be worn when providing routine patient care for non-COVID patients in the home?

Do you advise that people wear a facemask when there are no symptoms of illness? If yes, WHY?

Current CDC Recommendation

"Source control and physical distancing ...are recommended for **everyone in a healthcare setting**.....While it is generally safest to implement universal use of source control for everyone in a healthcare setting, the following allowances could be considered for

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What do surveyors expect to see from providers regarding an infection risk assessment and infection surveillance?

Pre-Submitted Questions

Are there established protocols to follow when a patient develops COVID-19 at home while receiving Home Health services?

Time For More Questions?

Thank You

We support your efforts
in response to the
COVID-19 pandemic and
hope to provide helpful
resources

