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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 Guidance Wrap-up
Week Ending June 19, 2020

This document provides a recap of guidance and other information. It is a resource to manage the evolving material for health care facilities and professionals as well as those entrusted to postmortem care. It is not meant to serve as an all-inclusive compilation.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK			
Date	**Title**	**New or Revised**	**Audience**
6/19/20202	Update on Long-Term Care Facilities Mitigation Activities	Revised	Nursing Homes and Stakeholders

RELEVANT CDC AND CMS GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY	
Title	**Audience**
Using Telehealth to Expand Access to Essential Health Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Healthcare systems, practices, and providers
How COVID-19 Spreads (updated 6/16/2020)	All

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	**Answer**
Hospice caregivers have access to nursing homes to provide compassionate/palliative care services to their patients. Must they receive a baseline test for SARS-CoV-8 in accordance with the Secretary of Health's June 8th Order?	Hospice caregivers do not need to be tested. They must, however, be screened (checking for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 and asking questions about possible exposure) before each visit. If they fail the screening, they cannot be admitted to the facility.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION
MMWR – Characteristics Associated with Hospitalization Among Patients with COVID-19 — Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, March–April 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION	
Source	**Address**
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)	https://www.health.pa.gov/
Process for Reopening Pennsylvania	https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/

FOR MORE INFORMATION	
Source	**Address**
DOH COVID-19 Info for Nursing Homes	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Hospitals	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Other Licensed Healthcare Facilities	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Health Care Professionals	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Dental Care	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Coroners/Medical Examiners	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx
DOH COVID-19 Info for Funeral Directors	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx
2020 DOH Health Alerts, Advisories and Updates	https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	https://www.cdc.gov/