

NURSING FACILITY NEWS

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LICENSES AND EXTENSION LETTERS ACCESSIBLE ONLINE

We recently started sending only electronic versions of the renewed facility licenses or license extension letters. Be sure to link to the [Licensing Verification Page](#) to download your facility's most recent licensing documents. If you find that there is an error or need clarification, feel free to email our general email address:

NF.Licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

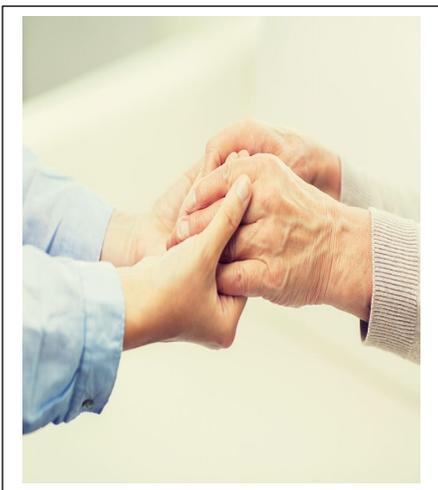
WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF NURSING FACILITY NEWS!

As we all continue to adapt to this new chapter called "Life with COVID," we wanted to find a way to acknowledge the importance of time well spent engaging in "value added" discussions and topics. We all know there are statewide staffing shortages, ongoing COVID outbreaks and shrinking resources to manage these essential challenges. To honor your valuable work time, we wanted to experiment with the idea of offering this brief and informative newsletter that aims to consolidate provider alert news, offer general announcements, and highlight current topics that would normally be presented during a Nursing Facility News Hour.

We want your feedback!

After you and your staff review this first edition, please let us know what you think. We want to know if you think this is a better way to deliver and highlight important information to Nursing Facilities. Take a moment and tell us what you think by sending a note to our general email box at: NF.Licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

"Kindness can transform someone's dark moment with a blaze of light. You'll never know how much your caring matters." ~ Amy Leigh Mercree



EXECUTIVE ORDERS ENDED APRIL 1, 2022 - REPORTING COVID OUTBREAKS SIMPLIFIED

With the ending of imposing Executive Orders in response to COVID-19 Outbreaks, we have simplified the reporting required to our office. We currently ask Nursing Facilities to report to our general email box (NF.Licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us) when a NEW COVID -19 positive case is identified. No further reporting is required to our office *until it has been 14 days since the LAST positive case occurred*. At that time, we ask that you advise us so that we can update our outbreak information. This is expected to reduce the amount of duplicated reporting while providing our office with insight and awareness about which facilities have positive COVID cases occurring and when. We certainly hope this is a helpful change for all involved.

PROVIDER ALERT HIGHLIGHTS!

We want to make sure you haven't missed any essential communications offered via Provider Alerts. If you are not already signed up to receive these communications, we encourage you to do so right away. **Remember, if you've recently changed your email address, you must re-enroll**

for these communications and can do so [here](#).

In the event that you missed something, be sure to review recent Provider Alerts at Nursing Facility Licensing Communication Page linked [here](#).

UNIVERSAL EYE PROTECTION

Frequently our office is asked for clarification regarding the ongoing or universal use of eye protection. To ensure all Nursing Facility Providers fully understand when this requirement is expected, be sure to review and reference * [Provider Alert NF-21-070](#).

*Note: this link was revised 05/23/2022

***ASPEN Web: ePOC (electronic Plan of Correction)* MAINTENANCE REMINDER!**

Remember, if your email address has recently changed or you have taken on a new role in your facility, be sure your ePOC Registration is current and up to date. This is an essential tool for:

Facility Administration – *it's the centralized worksite for completing all steps in CMS & State survey POC processing to include:*

- *Receiving and reviewing Statements of Deficiencies (SODs),*
- *Formulating POCs,*
- *Submitting POCs and if desired,*

- *Attaching supporting Informal Dispute Resolution requests & documents.*

Register and maintain an active ePOC account to efficiently access your surveys, and at no cost to your facility. ePOC registration passwords are effective for 90 days and must be renewed timely to maintain an active ePOC account. As an active ePOC user, you will receive notifications of pending password expiration with renewal instructions. It may also be advantageous to have multiple ePOC registrants for your facility to ensure an active ePOC account is maintained at all times. For ePOC assistance and/or questions contact QTSO (<https://www.qtso.com>).

CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY (CMP) REIMBURSALS AVAILABLE FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS

Many nursing facilities participated in receiving up to \$3,000 for qualified purchases related to Virtual Visitation Communication tools and Outdoor Visitation accommodations during the initial phases of the COVID pandemic. We want to let you know of a similar opportunity to receive reimbursement for qualified purchases related to indoor

filtration or air quality improvements to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

Facilities can apply for CMP reinvestment funds to **purchase portable fans and air room cleaners with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters** to increase or improve air quality. [Access the application](#) and more detailed information about what is qualified for reimbursement [here](#).

COVID-19 VACCINATION STAFF RELATED REPORTING

We know it's a challenge to stay up on the ever-changing landscape regarding COVID-19 reporting requirements. Be sure to review the Provider Alert that specifically outlines the vaccination reporting requirements for facility staff. Link to [Provider Alert NF-22-031](#) for all the details.

OREGON CARE PARTNERS IN-PERSON TRAINING

OPPORTUNITIES! Be sure to check out the Oregon Care Partners free training offered in June 2022. Link [here](#) to learn more.

