



Department
of Health

Nursing Home Provider Update

August 5, 2021

Today's Agenda

- Review of Revised Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Emergency Regulations for Hospitals and Nursing Homes
- Nursing Home (NH) and Adult Care Facility (ACF) Vaccine Requirements
- Questions and Answers

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

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- On July 29, 2021, revised emergency regulations pertaining to Hospital and Nursing Home PPE stockpile requirements were adopted by the Public and Health and Health Planning Council
- The regulations were subsequently filed with the Department of State on **July 30, 2021**, rendering the regulations effective
- Full compliance expected by August 31, 2021

PPE Stockpile Requirements

- For Hospitals:
 - Hospitals must maintain a **60-day** PPE stockpile, which is a *change* from the previously required 90-day stockpile
- For Nursing Homes:
 - Nursing Homes must continue to maintain a 60-day PPE stockpile – *no change from the current regulations*

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

- Revisions to the PPE stockpile requirements for nursing homes include:
 - PPE stockpiles will no longer be calculated based on PPE burn rates coinciding with the highest statewide rate of PPE used over a two-week period during the first COVID-19 surge

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

- PPE stockpiles for nursing homes will be calculated using a touch-point methodology developed by Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and based upon Kaiser data from Washington State and California.

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

The nursing home PPE methodology is applied using three multipliers and includes:

- Assumed touch points (number of times PPE is changed),
- The total number of certified beds and,
- The nursing homes' highest average positivity rate during the following three time periods:

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

- The nursing homes' highest average positivity rate during the following three time periods:
 - **Wave 1** : April 26, 2020 through May 20, 2020;
 - **Wave 2** : January 3, 2021 through January 31, 2021; **OR**,
 - The highest Statewide average positivity rate of 20.15% based on the Regional Economic Development Center areas for Wave 1 and Wave 2

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

Example of the PPE requirement calculation:

- a) Certified beds: 100
- b) N95 touch point rate: 1.40
- c) Highest average positivity rate: 30%
- d) Days' requirement: 60

60day N95 requirement using the variables above:

$a * b * c * d = 60\text{day N95 requirement}$

$$100 * 1.40 * 30\% * 60 = 2,520$$



Nursing Home PPE Requirements

Example of the PPE requirement calculation:

- a) Certified beds: 100
- b) Surgical masks touch point rate: 1.50
- c) Highest average positivity rate: 20.15%
- d) Days' requirement: 60

60day surgical masks requirement using the variables above:

$$a * b * c * d = \text{60day surgical masks requirement}$$
$$100 * 1.50 * 20.15\% * 60 = 1,814$$



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Example of the PPE requirement calculation:

- a) Certified beds: 100
- b) Single gloves touch point rate: 24.00
- c) Highest average positivity rate: 22%
- d) Days' requirement: 60

60day single gloves requirement using the variables above:

$$\begin{aligned} a * b * c * d &= \text{60day gloves requirement} \\ 100 * 24.00 * 22\% * 60 &= 31,680 \end{aligned}$$

Nursing Home PPE Requirements

Example of the PPE requirement calculation:

- a) Certified beds: 100
- b) Gowns touch point rate: 3.00
- c) Highest average positivity rate: 25%
- d) Days' requirement: 60

60day single gowns requirement using the variables above:

$$a*b*c*d = \text{60day gowns requirement}$$
$$100*3.00*25\%*60=4,500$$

Face Shields and Goggles

- The most recent PPE regulations do not expressly require NHs to stockpile face shields or goggles.
- Consistent with the Department's November 24, 2020 guidance, "Health Advisory: Universal Use of Eye Protection," the Department strongly recommends the use of eye protection, in addition to face masks, to prevent exposures.
- Eye protection includes face shields or goggles. NHs should therefore continue to stockpile either face shields or goggles consistent with their burn rate during the highest period of positivity.

Nursing Home & Adult Care Facility Vaccination Requirements

NH and ACF Vaccination Requirements

- On July 29, 2021, revised emergency regulations pertaining to nursing home and adult care facility vaccination requirements were adopted by the Public and Health and Health Planning Council
- The regulations were subsequently filed with the Department of State on July 30, 2021, rendering the regulations effective

NH and ACF Vaccination Requirements

- No changes were effectuated, and providers are reminded that:
 - Vaccination must be offered to all new admissions, readmissions, and new hires within 7 days in ACFs or 14 days in NHs
- Any provider unable to adhere to these requirements, must document their efforts in the resident or personnel record

NH and ACF Vaccination Requirements

- Any resident or staff that refuses vaccine, must have a signed declination on file
- Declinations do not need to be re-signed with the re-adoption of the emergency regulations, but the Department strongly encourages providers to reapproach residents and personnel that have previously refused vaccination

NH and ACF Vaccination Requirements

- Providers should continue to work with their long-term care pharmacy to develop a regular cadence in which vaccine is regularly available for new residents and staff
- The local health departments and regional hospital hubs were not intended to be a long-term solution or supplier of vaccine to nursing homes

Questions