



## Infection Prevention and Control Guidance and Resources Available for Nursing Facilities

This list contains guidance and resources available to nursing facilities regarding infection prevention and control measures. Each resource also identifies where the resources can be found. Facilities are encouraged to review these resources for further information on the related topics. Questions can also be sent to [LTCRPolicy@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:LTCRPolicy@hhs.texas.gov)

General Infection Control / Comprehensive COVID-19 Guidance	
Document	Where to Find It
<a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Response Rules</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
<a href="#">HHSC COVID-19 Response Plan</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
<a href="#">HHSC COVID-19 FAQ</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
List of CDC COVID-19 Guidance for Nursing Facilities	<a href="#">CDC Nursing Home webpage</a>
CDC COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance	<a href="#">Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes</a>
Testing	
CMS Testing Requirements	CMS <a href="#">QSO-20-38-NH</a>
<a href="#">HHSC Visual Aid: CMS Testing Requirements</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
<a href="#">HHSC COVID-19 Testing FAQ</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
COVID-19 Antigen Test Follow Up Guidance	<a href="#">Considerations for Interpretations of Antigen tests in Long-Term Care Facilities Visual Aid</a>
Visitation	
<a href="#">COVID-19 Visitation Emergency Rules</a>	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (COVID-19 Resources)
HHSC COVID-19 Response - Expansion of Reopening Visitation ( <a href="#">Provider Letter 2021-20</a> )	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (Provider Communications link)
CMS Visitation and Group Activity Guidance	CMS <a href="#">QSO-20-39-NH</a>
Vaccination	
CMS COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements	CMS <a href="#">QSO-21-19-NH</a>

CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Staff and Residents	<a href="#">Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination</a>
CDC Vaccine Recipient Education Resources	<a href="#">Vaccine Recipient Education</a>
<b>Reporting</b>	
HHSC Reporting Guidance for Long-term Care Providers ( <a href="#">Provider Letter 2020-37</a> )	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (Provider Communications link)
HHSC Reporting Guidance for Long-Term Care Providers - Point-of-Care Antigen Testing ( <a href="#">Provider Letter 2020-46</a> )	<a href="#">HHSC NF Provider Portal</a> (Provider Communications link)
CMS COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Requirements	CMS <a href="#">QSO-21-19-NH</a>
NHSN Resources	<a href="#">NHSN Long-Term Care Facilities Component Page</a>
TMF Resources for NHSN	<a href="#">TMF Networks National Healthcare Safety Network Webpage</a>
<b>COVID-19 Rates/Surges</b>	
CMS Weekly COVID-19 County Positivity Rates	<a href="#">CMS Data Page</a>
DSHS COVID-19 Data Webpage	<a href="#">DSHS: Texas COVID-19 Data</a>