TOPICS FOR TODAY

• New “granny cam” law. HB 1387
• CDC testing information
• CMS update on antigen testing
• FAQ document: re-opening
• Data site
• PPE
“GRANNY CAM”

- House bill 1387/1482
  https://house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills201/hlrbillspdf/3240H.03T.pdf
- Includes video or audio recording
- Applies to SNF, ICF, ALF, RCF
- Facility not responsible for misuse of recording, HIPAA violations
- Recording can’t be released w/o consent by both the resident and the facility (except for case of abuse/neglect)
- Facility has right to access copy of recording

“GRANNY CAM”

- Placement of camera must be open and obvious
- The facility and department (DHSS) must be informed about the device
- The resident/responsible party must fill out a form (developed by DHSS)
- Must have consent of other resident (form developed by DHSS)
- Notice of electronic monitoring must be posted at the room (resident)
- Notice must be posted at the entrance to the building (facility)
- Facility cannot discharge or refuse admission due to request for electronic monitoring
- Resident responsible for all costs/maintenance
**CDC INFO ON TESTING**

- CDC overview on testing- PCR and antigen
- Authorized assays for viral testing include those that detect SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid or antigen. **Viral (nucleic acid or antigen) tests** check samples from the respiratory system (such as nasal swabs) and determine whether an infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is present. Viral tests are recommended to diagnose acute infection. Some tests are point-of-care tests, meaning results may be available at the testing site in less than an hour.

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**CMS UPDATE ON ANTIGEN TESTING**

- Today (July 14), under the leadership of President Trump, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing a large-scale procurement of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) -authorized rapid point-of-care diagnostic test instruments and tests to be distributed to nursing homes in COVID-19 hotspot geographic areas with the United States.
- Distribution will begin next week with nursing homes prioritized by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in their continuing effort to protect older adults.
CMS UPDATE ON ANTIGEN TESTING

• Nursing homes with three or more COVID-19 cases will be the first to receive on-site diagnostic test equipment from federal health agencies — starting in regions where infections are spiking.

• In next week’s rollout, federal agencies will prioritize about 2,000 facilities in hard-hit locations such as Florida, Arizona and Texas. Each approved facility will receive one diagnostic testing instrument and associated tests.

• These tests are authorized for use at the point of care, e.g., in patient care settings such as nursing homes operating under a CLIA Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Compliance, or Certificate of Accreditation.

CMS UPDATE ON ANTIGEN TESTING

• Antibody/Antigen testing - what’s the difference?
• Antibodies are generated by the body’s immune system upon the detection of potentially threatening pathogens. Antibodies are a natural response to a viral infection like COVID-19.

• Antigens are molecules from outside the body that trigger a response from the immune system. That antigen molecule could be a viral structure such as COVID-19.

• In other words, a test that screens for antibodies is screening for the body’s response to a pathogen and an antigen test is screening for a molecular structure of the pathogen itself.
**CMS UPDATE ON ANTIGEN TESTING**

- Antigen (point of care) testing
- Pros: Cheaper ($25), Quicker results (15 minutes), Easier (less invasive methods for obtaining samples.)
- Cons: Slightly less accurate (more false negatives)

**FAQ ON RE-OPENING**

DATA SITE

- Contact your LPHA

PPE RESOURCES

- Companies in Missouri that make PPE
CEU Flexibility

In response to the COVID-19 situation and the limited options of in-seat continuing education (CE) programs, the Missouri Board of Nursing Home Administrators (MBNHA) recognizes the need for Missouri administrators to have flexibility in completing the required CE clock hours for the 2021 license renewal. Administrators that are due to renew their license by June 30, 2021, have the option to complete any and/or all CE clock hours online through a MBNHA approved training agency or approved by NAB/NCERS. Click HERE to read the full MBNHA memo.

Breaking News

- **New Funding**
  - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will devote $5 billion of the Provider Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to Medicare-certified long term care facilities and state veterans’ homes (“nursing homes”).

- **Enhanced Testing**
  - Rapid point-of-care diagnostic testing devices will be distributed to nursing homes, and the new funding from the Provider Relief Fund, CMS will begin requiring, rather than recommending, that all nursing homes in states with a 5% positivity rate or greater test all nursing home staff each week.

- **Additional Technical Assistance & Support**
  - CMS, in partnership with the CDC, is rolling out an online, self-paced, on-demand Nursing Home COVID-19 Training focused on infection control and best practices.

- **Weekly Data on High Risk Nursing Homes**
  - This data collection process has matured, the White House and CMS will release a list of nursing homes with an increase in cases that will be sent to states each week as part of the weekly Governor’s report to ensure states have the information needed to target their support to the highest risk nursing homes.
LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP

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Closing

- Resources are available at:
  - QIPMO
  - MO DHSS
  - MO DHSS Regional Emergency Contact Numbers
  - MHCA
  - CDC
  - CDC LTCF COVID-19 Module
  - World Health Organization