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<p>Visitation</p>	<p>March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation</p>	<p>Supersedes and replaces previously issued guidance and recommendations re: visitation</p> <p>Policies and Procedures must now include addressing infection control and prevention when residents leave the facility for outings and are respectful of resident rights.</p> <p>Nothing in the March 25th guidance changes previous guidance re: medically necessary or end-of-life services</p> <p>Lists the Core Principles for inclusion in the visitation program</p> <p>Requires documentation if a visitor is turned away because they are unable to adhere to the core principles</p> <p>Removes maximum number of visitors at one time and leaves it to the ACF's discretion based on space & other factors and recommends scheduling visits for a specified time period</p> <p>Principles of cohorting and physical distance should be used for communal dining & activities</p> <p>In-country travelers no longer required to test or quarantine upon return to NYS. International travelers follow current CDC guidelines which as of April 2nd is test within 3-5 days after arrival into US and quarantine for 7 days Note: This pertains to visitors</p>	<p>March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation</p>



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		to ACFs. As of this date DOH has not indicated whether the traveling rules for healthcare workers has changed.	
	Undated, provided to ESAAL on March 11 th	ACF Visitation Health Advisory-Issued March 2, 2021, Associations Questions & Answers Provides <u>some</u> clarity on <u>some</u> provisions in the March 2 nd guidance including whether visitors can be required to be tested, tours for prospective residents, sunseting of the November Holiday guidance, and counting compassionate care visits in the maximum number of visitors allowed at one time	ACF Visitation Health Advisory-Issued March 2, 2021, Associations Questions & Answers
	March 2, 2021	Supersedes September 9th visitation guidance New provisions include in-resident living space visits, compassionate care visits not subject to 14-day shutdown after a COVID positive case, and DOH previously approved interior construction projects my begin or resume	March 2, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised Adult Care Facility Visitation
	October 23, 2020	creates yellow, orange and red zones in areas of outbreak prohibits ACF visitation in red zones	October 23rd Health Advisory
	Sept. 9, 2020	Resumption and ongoing requirements Also allows for resumption of external renovation projects with DOH region consent Replaces the part of July 10 th (originally March 13 th) guidance that ordered suspension of visitation	September 9th Health Advisory re: resumption of visitation and other activities



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	July 10, 2020	Allowed for resumption of visitation in areas in Phase 3 of NY's reopening plan September 9th Health Advisory replaces this document. (see above)	July 10th Health Advisory
	Other July 10,2020 document	Shut down of visitation if there is a positive	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities
	March 13, 2020	July 10 th Health Advisory replaces this (see above)	March 13 Health Advisory COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs
	March 11, 2020	July 10 th Health Advisory replaces this (see above)	March 11th DAL 20-10
	March 8, 2020	All New Rochelle area ACFs must shut down visitation	March 8, 2020
Resident and Family Communication	April 19, 2020	Announces EO 202.18 requiring ACFs to notify family members or next of kin for <u>all</u> residents within 24 hours if any resident tests positive for COVID-19 or if any resident suffers a COVID-related death. (<i>Note: While the EO only references resident positive cases or death, other communication dated April 4th recommends to notify them for staff as well.</i>) Financial penalties for noncompliance issued in EO 202.19	April 19th Dear Administrator Letter C20-01 re: resident and family communications
	April 4, 2020	Provides best practices to keep residents and families engaged and communicating with each other.	April 4th NYSDOH Health Notice ACF-NH Resident Family Communication
Infection Control	April 17, 2020	Covers topics of preparedness; staff/outside provider education and monitoring; securing PPE and other supplies; hand hygiene and environmental	April 17th ACF COVID-19 IPC Checklist



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		disinfection; universal facemask; resident monitoring; taking care of a resident with confirmed or suspected COVID positive	
	April 17, 2020	This second April 17 th document includes information on hand hygiene and environmental cleaning	April 17th COVID-19 Control Measures for Adult Care Facilities
	March 26, 2020	DOH PowerPoint Presentation Caveat that the PowerPoint is current only as of March 26	March 26th DOH PowerPoint Infection Control Guidance for ACFs
	March 11, 2020	General guidance	March 11th DAL 20-10
	March 10, 2020	Guidance on hand hygiene; respiratory hygiene; routine cleaning and disinfecting; and procedures and training	March 10th Interim Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities
Return to work	April 22, 2021 Revised Protocols for RTW following exposure and/or travel	<p>Supersedes the April 1, 2021 guidance on return to work for staff who have an exposure and/or traveled.</p> <p>The updated guidance includes technical changes allowing ACFs to choose to implement furlough for asymptomatic recovered HCP if certain concerns exist, and updates reference to NYS travel advisory guidance.</p> <p>Reminder: The April 1, 2021 guidance does not replace or supersede the May 19th FAQs. Even though there is no reference to required weekly testing of staff in the April 21st document, all ACF employees are still subject to the May 19th FAQs which does require it.</p>	April 22, 2021 Revised Protocols for RTW following exposure



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	<p>April 1, 2021 Revised Protocols for RTW following exposure and/or travel</p>	<p>Supersedes the March 10, 2021 guidance on return to work for staff who have an exposure and/or traveled.</p> <p>Reminder: The April 1, 2021 guidance does not replace or supersede the May 19th FAQs. Even though there is no reference to required weekly testing of staff in the April 1st document, all ACF employees are still subject to the May 19th FAQs which does require it.</p> <p>Asymptomatic exposed staff may RTW after 10 days (except EALR and ALP, which is after 14 days) without test but still need to do weekly testing. Exceptions to this provision: Fully vaccinated staff meeting criteria outlined in the document or staff who have recovered from COVID within past three months do not need to quarantine or furlough.</p> <p>After travel in US or its territories, asymptomatic staff don't have to test or quarantine upon return. Quarantine after international travel UNLESS the person is fully vaccinated or has recovered from COVID within past 3 months.</p>	<p>April 1, 2021 DOH Advisory Revised Protocols for RTW following exposure and/or travel</p>
	<p>March 10, 2021</p>	<p>Updates and supersedes the January 7th guidance on return to work for staff who have an exposure and/or traveled.</p> <p>Reminder: The March 10, 2021 guidance does not replace or supersede the May 19th FAQs. Even though there is no reference to required weekly testing of staff in the March 10th document, all ACF employees</p>	<p>March 10, 2021 Updated Interim HCP Return to Work</p>



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		<p>are still subject to the May 19th FAQs which does require it.</p> <p>Staff that have recovered from COVID may not need to undergo testing or quarantine if exposed within 3 months from symptom onset or if asymptomatic, from the test date. However, the staff remains subject to the weekly test requirement.</p> <p>Under certain circumstances, fully vaccinated staff does not have to be furloughed after exposure. (Review qualifying criteria, page 4.)</p>	
	<p>January 7, 2021</p>	<p>Clarifies December 26 guidance on return to work for staff who have had an exposure and/or traveled and replaces Parts A. and B. of July 24th RTW guidance.</p> <p>Note: This document is <u>not</u> applicable to RTW rules when an employee was positive. In those instances, Part C. of July 24th RTW guidance remains in effect, as well as the May 19th guidance that requires a negative test before return to work.</p> <p>January 7 guidance also clarifies what is deemed an exposure, allows for asymptomatic person who was exposed to return after 10 days if certain criteria is met (Note: this does not apply to ACFs that have EALR and/or ALP.)</p> <p>January 7 guidance re: travel indicates that even though health care providers are covered by the essential worker exception, they must be tested within 24 hours of arrival back to New York (and again</p>	<p>January 7 RTW Guidance</p>



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		<p>on day four after return), but they are not barred from reporting to work if they are asymptomatic. Guidance also addresses COVID Paid Sick Leave law for those who have traveled.</p> <p>January 7 guidance also provides guidance for obtaining DOH approval for HCPs Return to Work Waiver when there are staffing shortages</p>	
	December 26, 2020	<p>Updates guidance on return to work for staff who have had an exposure and/or traveled, by replacing Parts A. and B. of the July 24th guidance. This guidance was soon “clarified” by January 7 Health Advisory; see above</p>	<p>December 26th RTW Guidance</p>
	July 24, 2020	<p>Supersedes referenced April 1st guidance (note: April 1st guidance is actually dated March 31st)</p> <p>Note: Part C. of this guidance remains in effect as of today, February 10th. Parts B and C have been replaced by January 7th RTW document above.</p> <p>Recent changes in CDC guidance is under consideration, but no change in policy yet</p> <p>IMPORTANT: This does NOT supersede the May 19th testing FAQs that also require for ACFs to get a negative test before staff can return to work. Negative test is still required.</p> <p>Includes guidance on staff who have traveled</p>	<p>July 24th Health Advisory</p>
	July 3, 2020	<p>Health Advisory</p>	<p>July 3rd Health Advisory</p>



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		The July 24, 2020 and January 7th 2021 Health Advisories replace this and is most current (see above)	
	June 25, 2020	Sick leave for COVID Replaced by July 24 Advisory see above	June 25th Health Advisory
	May 19, 2020	Testing FAQs-Q/A #9. Negative test for a positive resident required before return to work replaces the May 12th FAQs	May 19th Testing FAQs
	March 31, 2020	supersedes March 16 th guidance The July 24, 2020 and January 7th 2021 Health Advisories replace this and is most current (see above)	March 31st Health Advisory Updated Protocols for return to work
	March 31, 2020	supersedes March 28 guidance The July 24, 2020 and January 7th 2021 Health Advisories replace this and is most current (see above)	March 31st Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID 19 infection or exposure
	March 28, 2020	March 28th Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID 19 infection or exposure The July 24, 2020 and January 7th 2021 Health Advisories replace this and is most current (see above)	March 28th Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID 19 infection or exposure



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	March 16, 2020	<p>March 16th Health Advisory Protocols for Return to Work</p> <p>The July 24, 2020 and January 7th 2021 Health Advisories replace this and is most current (see above)</p>	March 16th Health Advisory Protocols for Return to Work
Hospital Discharges and Admissions to ACFs	May 11, 2020	<p>References and supplements April 29th guidance to nursing homes.</p> <p>Hospitals can't discharge to an ACF until resident has received a negative test result</p> <p>With that discharge from hospital exception, an ACF can't deny admission of a resident based solely on their COVID-19 diagnosis</p>	May 11th Directive Hospital discharge and admissions
	April 7, 2020	<p>Requires expedited process for ACF to receive back an asymptomatic resident who is deemed medically stable by the hospital</p> <p>No resident can be denied readmission or admission solely based on a confirmed or suspect diagnosis.</p> <p>Any denial must be "based on the ACF's inability to provide the level of care required by the prospective resident pursuant to the hospital's discharge instructions and based on the ACF's licensure and certification"</p> <p>ACF prohibited from requiring a hospitalized resident who is determined medically stable to be tested for</p>	April 7th Advisory Hospital Discharges and Admissions to ACFs



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		<p>COVID prior to admission or discharge unless they are symptomatic</p> <p>Note: This document replaced by May 11th Directive above</p>	
Residents Rights Reminder		For a period of time, the daily IHANS Alerts included a “Residents Rights Reminder” which implicitly suggests that if an ACF would not accept a resident back from a hospital they are violating resident rights	
Testing	Feb 1, 2021	Health Advisory on ACF Testing and Payment Obligations	Feb 1, 2021
	June 2, 2020	All surveyors entering an ACF will have been tested with a negative result or result pending and the person is asymptomatic	June 2nd IHANS notice
	May 31, 2020	when a person should be tested and order/prioritization of tests	May 31st Updated Interim Guidance
	May 19, 2020	<p>Notice of Executive Order 202.30 for twice-weekly testing of ACF personnel</p> <p>Note: This was changed via Executive Order on June 9th to once per week</p>	May 19th Directive
	May 19, 2020	<p>FAQs updated from May 12th on employee testing-related topics</p> <p>replaces the May 12th FAQs</p>	May 19th Testing FAQs
	May 12, 2020	The May 19 FAQs replace this (see above)	May 12th Testing FAQs



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	May 11, 2020	Announces Executive Order 202.30 requiring ACF employee testing Includes penalties for noncompliance Note that some information in the letter (for example, return to work and frequency of testing) was changed/updated in subsequent documents	May 11th Dear ACF operator and administrator letter
	April 26, 2020	with limited supply of test kits, this prioritizes who should be tested until there is a widespread supply of test kits available	April 26th Updated Interim Guidance: Protocol for testing
Certification of compliance	May 15, 2020	reports that providers must certify compliance with EO 202.30 providers having submitted an employee testing plan by 5 pm, May 15 are deemed to be in compliance	May 15 Dear ACF Operator Letter
Antigen test recommendations	October 19, 2020	Guidance on use of the tests in areas where there are outbreaks/no outbreaks for symptomatic/asymptomatic individuals Note: October 17th document is virtually the same – recommend use of both documents: October 17th addresses ACFs specifically; October 19th has useful flowchart	October 19th Interim Recommendations
	October 17, 2020	Guidance on use of the tests in areas where there are outbreaks/no outbreaks for symptomatic/asymptomatic individuals FAQs if ACF is performing the tests (special attention to pages 7-9)	October 17th Interim Recommendations



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Cohorting	April 29, 2020	<p>While this is addressed to nursing homes and not ACFs, ACFs are mentioned within the body of the letter in several places.</p> <p>ACFs are not mentioned in the cohorting section; however, in a separate paragraph the generic term “facility” is used:</p> <p>“If your facility is unable to meet cohorting standards of any infection control standards, admission must be suspended to the facility.”</p>	April 29th Dear Nursing Home Administrator
Holiday guidance	March 25, 2021- Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation	<p>This guidance includes formal notice that the November 24th Holiday Guidance is no longer in effect and is superseded by the March 25th document.</p> <p>Only Holiday Guidance reference in this document is that the ACF is required to have appropriate policies and procedures in place that address infection control when residents leave the facility for outings and are respectful of resident rights</p>	
	March ACF Visitation Health Advisory- Associations Questions & Answers	<p>Questions/Answers #21 and 22 state that “The Holiday Health Advisory, issued November 20, 2020 is no longer in effect. <i>(Note: The dates on the Holiday Guidance are November 24th and 25th. There is no November 20th document.)</i></p>	ACF Visitation Health Advisory- Issued March 2, 2021, Associations Questions & Answers
	November 25, 2020	<p>Expands on November 24th Health Advisory re: need for negative test prior to return to the ACF, resources to get the test, and how to respond if resident wants to return without one.</p>	November 25th IHANS Notification



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		<p>February 2021 update: It is important to note that this guidance is based on Executive Order which has been extended and its current version EO 202.92 is effective through February 26th. Continued extensions are possible upon that expiration.</p>	
	November 24, 2020	what to do before and after a resident goes out for a holiday social gathering	November 24th Health Advisory
	September 16, 2020	Jewish high holidays	September 16th Interim Guidance for Jewish High Holidays Observances
Resident access to the outer community	November 25,2020	As indicated in “Holiday Guidance” section above, the Holiday Guidance remains in effect at least until February 26 th . Therefore, any resident leaving the ACF for a social outing requires a negative test prior to return	November 25th IHANS Notification
	July 10, 2020	<p>should be encouraged to stay home</p> <p>if they do leave, screen for symptoms or possible exposure</p> <p>Note: The Executive Order re: holiday season, November 24th and 25th guidance adds need for negative testing prior to and after return has been extended and as of this update is in effect through – February 26th and may be extended beyond that. Therefore, a negative test before and after resident return is required. See “Holiday Guidance” box above for more details.</p>	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities



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	March 13, 2020	July 10 th Health Advisory replaces this (see above)	March 13 Health Advisory COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs
	March 11, 2020	DAL 20-10 COVID 19 Guidance for ACFs	March 11th DAL 20-10
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	April 2, 2020	April 2 nd Health Advisory: Options when PPE in short supply or not available	April 2nd Health Advisory: Options when PPE in short supply or not available
	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on the PPE topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
Travel Restrictions	April 10, 2021 Updated Interim Guidance for Travelers Arriving in NYS	<p>No quarantine or work furlough for asymptomatic domestic travelers EXCEPT unvaccinated employees who have not recovered from COVID in the past 3 months must furlough for 14 days</p> <p>Includes recommendation to test unvaccinated domestic travelers 3-5 days after return</p> <p>International travelers: Unvaccinated international travelers working in EALR or ALP must furlough for 14 days; Unvaccinated ACF and non-EALR ALRs must furlough for 7 days with a test 3-5 days after arrival; Fully vaccinated workers who have not recovered from COVID within past 3 months are recommended to be tested 3-5 days after arrival (<i>Note: this could be their regular required weekly test.</i>)</p> <p>General guidance re: travel precautions and quarantining are provided.</p>	April 10, 2021 Updated Interim Guidance for Travelers arriving in NYS



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	<p>March 25th Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation</p>	<p>In-country (or US territories) travelers no longer required to test or quarantine upon return to NYS. International travelers follow current CDC guidelines which as of April 2nd is test within 3-5 days after arrival into US and quarantine for 7 days Note: This pertains to visitors to ACFs. As of this date DOH has not indicated whether the traveling rules for healthcare workers has changed.</p>	<p>March 25th Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation</p>
	<p>March 10, 2021</p>	<p>Updates November 3rd guidance on topics of travelers to New York from non-contiguous states and other countries, and provides updated CDC guidance</p> <p>Fully vaccinated travelers from other states have no travel restrictions if they were fully vaccinated less than 90 days ago or were diagnosed with COVID and since recovered it is less than 90 days from symptom onset or the date of the first positive test.</p> <p>If not fully vaccinated or recently recovered, travelers who have been in noncontiguous states for more than 24 hours must either quarantine 10 days; OR 1) obtain a negative test taken 3 days prior to arrival in NY 2) obtain a negative test taken on their 4th day back; 3) quarantined until both negative test results were received; and 4) were asymptomatic at all times.</p> <p>International travel: standard applies regardless of vaccination status or had COVID in the past. Traveler must EITHER quarantine for seven days if obtaining a negative test result taken 3-5 days after travel OR quarantine for 10 days without the need for a test.</p>	<p>March 10, 2021 Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel</p>



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	November 3, 2020	Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel	Nov 3 Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel
	June 24, 2020	14 day required quarantine upon arrival into New York State from a designated state Note: for ACF employees follow the July 24th Return to Work guidance rather than this document	June 24th Interim Guidance
Isolation and Quarantining	May 3, 2021	Details conditions for the discontinuation of transmission-based precautions (TBPs) <u>for persons who are positive, suspected positive or exposed to COVID-19</u> Replaces the non-test-based strategy laid out in April 2020 guidance with three different symptom-based strategies, defined by the severity of the individual’s illness and whether the individual is severely immunocompromised. It also revises criteria for the test- based strategy. <i>Note: A thorough summary of the strategies is provided in ESAAL’s May 13, 2021 Member Alert</i>	May 3, 2021 DOH Advisory Discontinuation of Precautions
	Dec. 26, 2020	Details release from quarantine requirements for residents and staff that have been <u>exposed</u> to COVID. If asymptomatic, they may be released from quarantine in 10 days, without testing under certain circumstances. However for EALR and ALP staff,	Dec. 26, 2020 Quarantine for Persons Exposed to COVID-19



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		while they can be released from quarantine after 10 days, they still must remain furloughed for the complete 14 days.	
	May 30, 2020	Please note this advisory specifically excludes ACFs so do not use this document as a reference	May 30 Health Advisory
	April 19, 2020	Note: This document has been superseded by May 3, 2021 guidance (see above). Imposes stricter release from isolation rules for ACF residents than for the general population Provides different standards for non-test-based strategy versus test-based strategy	April 19th Health Advisory for discontinuation of isolation
	April 17, 2020	defines isolation and quarantine and provides instructions for both	April 17th COVID-19 Control Measures for Adult Care Facilities
	March 28, 2020	March 28 th Health Advisory Release from home isolation (no longer in effect once April 19 th Advisory was issued)	March 28 Health Adv. Discontinue of Home Isolation
	March 11, 2020	general guidance	March 11th DAL 20-10
	February 6, 2020	Steps to take to attempt to access PPE	February 6th "Dear Chief Executive Officer" letter
COVID sick leave guidance	June 25, 2020	For employees subject to mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine or isolation supplements earlier guidance	June 25th DOH and Department of Labor guidance on COVID-19 sick leave to health care employers



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		<p>positive tested employee entitled to sick leave even if already having received sick leave for an earlier period of quarantine or isolation</p> <p>employee can't qualify for COVID-19 sick leave for more than 3 orders of quarantine or isolation</p>	
	May 17, 2020	application of NY's COVID-19 sick leave law for employers of health care employees	May 17 DOH and DOL guidance
Micro-clusters and zones	October 23, 2020	<p>Creates yellow, orange and red zones in areas of outbreak</p> <p>Prohibits ACF visitation in red zones</p>	October 23rd Health Advisory
Vaccinations	April 19, 2021 DAL # 21-04 COVID-19 Vaccination Regulations	<p>Introduces emergency regulation: ACFs required by April 22nd to offer to arrange for a vaccination appointment to any existing unvaccinated resident or employee.</p> <p>For new residents, must offer and arrange for an appointment within seven days of admission. For staff, within seven days of the hire date.</p> <p>Documentation of declination and other details required</p>	DAL 21-04 COVID-19 Vaccination Regulations April 19, 2021
	November 2, 2020	NYS Vaccine program FAQs	November 2nd FAQs re: State vaccination program for LTC providers
Hair salons	November 4, 2020	The only document issued re: hair salons, contains all requirements	November 4th Health Advisory
Universal use of eye protection	November 24, 2020	"Strong" recommendation for use of eye protection for all resident interactions (Note: Re: January 7, 2021)	November 24th Health Advisory



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		<p>Updated Health Advisory for personnel [see under Return to Work Section] that have had an exposure, if an employee was exposed to another employee while not wearing eye protection, they would be subject to furlough.)</p> <p>What to do if PPE shortages prevent you from universal use</p>	
Eye Protection (cont'd)	June 25, 2020	Based on revised CDC guidelines, NYC DOHMH advises use of eye protection (goggles or face shield) during all clinical encounters.	NYC June 25th Health Advisory #20
Health checks for staff	July 10, 2020	Actions to take to perform health checks and response to symptoms present	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities
	March 13, 2020	July 10th Health Advisory replaces this (see above)	March 13 Health Advisory COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs
Facemasks	July 10, 2020	COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities
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Ombudsman access	July 10, 2020	This appears to be limited to nursing homes, not ACFs	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities
What to do if a confirmed case	July 10, 2020	COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory:



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What to do if a suspected case	July 10, 2020	COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs	Revised March 13 Guidance 07.10.2020-Health Advisory: COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities
	March 13, 2020	general guidance at the time when testing was not very available	March 13 Health Advisory COVID-19 Cases in NH and ACFs
Determining whether there is a “presumed” case	March 21, 2020	in certain counties where there are current outbreaks or clusters, anyone with symptoms should be presumed positive and infection control actions must be implemented	March 21st Health Advisory
ACF day programs for non-residents	May 3, 2021	Reopening Guidance for ACF Day Programs for non-Residents Requires submission and approval of a NY Forward Safety Plan that addresses physical distancing, infection control including screening, and transportation	May 3, 2021 DOH Guidance Reopening of Social Adult Day Programs
	March 17, 2020	Suspended until further notice	March 17th Immediate Temporary Suspension of ACF Day Programs for non-residents
CHRC	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak



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Required Medical Evaluations	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
UAS-NY	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
Congregate dining	March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation	Following principles of cohorting and physical distance communal activities including dining of small cohorts (10 or less)	March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation
Congregate dining and medication management	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
Activities	March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation	Following principles of cohorting and physical distance, communal activities of small cohorts (10 or less)	March 25, 2021 Health Advisory: Revised ACF Visitation
	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
Visitors/deliveries/facility repairs	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
Plans of correction	March 22, 2020	provides for temporary regulatory relief including some Q&As on this topic	March 22nd Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak
LHCSA Regs	November 23, 2020	Home Care and Hospice Guidance Pertaining to Regulatory Requirements – UPDATED This ends the April 10 suspension of health assessments and personnel must obtain annual health assessment by Dec. 31, 2020	November 23 DHCBS DAL 20-11



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	April 10, 2020	<p>Licensed Home Care Services Agency (LHCSA) regulations temporarily relaxed and Executive Orders that LHCSAs may avail themselves of</p> <p>Temporarily suspends annual health assessments for all employees as well as annual performance evaluations</p> <p>Summaries from Executive Orders including extension of time to submit employee information on the Home Care Worker Registry</p>	April 10 “Dear Agency Administrator” Letter
Influenza reporting due date delay for LHCSAs	March 2020	New due date to be determined	March 2020 for LHCSAs: Extension of Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Report due date
LHCSA In-service Requirements for PCAs and HHAs	January 21, 2021	Subject: In-Service Requirements for Personal Care Aides and Home Health Aides	Jan. 21, 2021 DAL: DHCBS 21-02
Home Health Aide Training Program relaxation of regulations	April 10. 2020	Waives requirements that 8 hours of the 16 hours of supervised practical training must be done in a patient setting	April 10th Health Advisory: Interim Guidance for HHATPs
	April 10. 2020	<p>Relaxation of training requirements</p> <p>Extension of time that a training program can be completed to 90 days</p> <p>Extensions for use of the Alternate Competency Demonstration look back period</p>	April 10th “Dear Agency Administrator” Letter



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General COVID Guidance for LHCSAs	Jan. 21, 2021	Continued relaxation of some In-Service Requirements for Personal Care Aides and Home Health Aides	Jan 21, 2021 Dal DHCBS 21-02
	March 22, 2020	March 22 nd General Guidance for LHCSAs	March 22nd DHCBS DAL 20-08 Updated
	March 14, 2020	use updated March 22 nd document	March 14th DHCBS 20-08
Specimen collection training for unlicensed individuals	May 15, 2020	authorizes unlicensed persons to perform COVID-19 Specimen Collection under direction of a licensed person training resource on HCS	May 15th Health Advisory Specimen Collection Training for Unlicensed Individuals
Authorization of licensed pharmacists to order COVID-19 tests	May 15, 2020	may order the test if patient suspected COVID positive or its antibodies	May 15 Health Advisory Authorization of Licensed Pharmacists to order COVID-19 tests
Fire drills	June 28, 2020	temporarily suspends requirement for staff and resident fire drills. Requires documented orientation training program related to current fire plan and facility conditions. For all employees, including new, and volunteers.	June 28th document
COVID 19 Economic Impact Payments	February 1, 2021	NYS Attorney General office letter to Lisa Newcomb re: prohibition on use of resident CARES act payments for payment of ACF services	Feb 1. 2021 letter from Attorney General re CARES ACT payments
	June 12, 2020	Notifies ACF providers that the federal stimulus payments belong to the Social Security of SSI recipient. Lays out what the funds cannot be used for and case management responsibilities.	June 12, 2020 DAL re Economic Stimulus payments
Nursing Practice under EO 202.5	Jan 14, 2021	Allows out of state nurses to practice in New York State including administering vaccinations.	Jan 14, 2021 NH and ACF Volunteers DAL