

HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES



1. Incident Name: Long Term Care Facilities and Home Health Hospice RE: COVID-19	2. Operational Period: May 13, 2020 1300-1400	3. Incident Location: Teleconference
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5. Attendees: Hospital Representatives and Clinic Representatives

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	Called to order by Aimee Wollman Nesseth, Program Coordinator
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PPE Disinfection Options are up and running. Bottom line: Do not discard your N95 masks! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Battelle system is in Madison. FREE. Shipping is also free. Need to register as a “user”. Please let Aimee know if you are interested. We do know that any N95 masks that have blood, bodily fluids or MAKEUP will be discarded. 5 day turn around. OR ○ Sawyer County has been given a UV Light Trailer. Volunteer run. Need to contact them to see when they are running the system. Masks will need to be dropped off and picked up. They won’t be shipping anything. 30 minute turn around. ● The survey from County Emergency Managers <u>will now be sent out every other week</u>, as opposed to weekly for your PPE needs. Please remember that you need to exhaust your regular supply chain and system resources first. You may request PPE through the survey. Please keep your requests reasonable. It is likely that you will not get everything you request. ● FDA revoked some approvals of masks. Letter and New Appendix with Approved masks. Aimee will include link in the email.
Infection Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Has anyone taken part in the ICAR (Infection Control Assessment and Response) conversation with DHS? Kevin reported on his meeting last week. It was a good discussion. Spent some time on cleaners. Recommendation to go to “EPA list N”. https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 Type in your cleaner and you will get a list of wet/kill time. Want to find 3 minute or less times, but these are also difficult to find right now. Clarification: Is this the assessment that may trigger a DQA survey? No, this is a conversation on prevention from WI Department of Health Services. The FOCUS Infection Prevention survey is different. This also begins with a phone call. 75% is done remotely and 25% is on site. Not sure what triggers these surveys.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Alert # 8 came out last week. Focus is on expanding testing for some asymptomatic individuals as well as the higher priority symptomatic individuals. Also, be aware of the change in the “return to work following isolation” guidance. Change is from “7 days” to “10 days” since the onset of symptoms. (See attached Health Alert).
<p>Community Testing Sites</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Testing Sites: These are FREE and being run by the National Guard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 13, 1100-1900: Chippewa, Clark and Taylor Counties, Thorp May 14, 1100-1900: Chippewa and Rusk Counties, Ladysmith May 14, 1100-1900: Sawyer County and LCO, Winter State priority to have all long-term care facilities tested by May 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order test supplies: https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/ Phone calls from Exact Sciences/DHS You can prepare to make the most of these phone calls by identifying your facility’s strategies and needs before the call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many testing collection supplies do you need to test the individuals who live and work in your facility? Submit your order for free testing collection supplies here: Allow 2-3 days for delivery. When will you test your residents and staff? Do you need help? Do you have an ordering provider, i.e., Medical Director, attending physician, etc.? Do you have staff to collect the specimens for the test? Do you have staff to provide test results, education, and case management to residents and staff? Do you have staff to conduct contact tracing? Do you need help from local public health and/or the National Guard? Do you have an emergency management plan for isolating residents and for staffing? Discussion regarding consent for testing. The State hasn’t provided a form. It will take some time to get written consent from activated POAHC, guardians, etc. Also, question regarding a medical order/physician’s order. Finally, is it possible to have a statewide waiver for either of these questions? Aimee will send these questions to the SEOC.
<p>DQA Calls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted Living: Tuesdays only now: 1000-1130 Long Term Care Facilities: Thursdays 1100-1200. Tomorrow’s call will focus on the testing of nursing homes. <p>To Join by Phone: (312) 626-6799 Enter 122213079# when asked for the meeting ID Enter # if asked for participant ID</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee will continue to take notes and send them out. One of her colleagues is taking notes for the Long-Term Care Facilities. Aimee will forward those as well.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Home Health Care agency asked for ideas to help plan for the possibility of a staff shortage due to illness. Recommendations included: reaching out to the local hospital, other home health care agencies in the region to see if there can be some sort of mutual aid conversation, looking at the influenza plan, hiring per diem staff who may have worked for the agency in the past and may be willing to fill in as needed, Community Paramedics?
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1355
Next Meetings:	<p>Wednesday May 20 ,2020, 1300-1400 teleconference NWWIHERC Conference Line</p> <p>Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/822116637</p> <p>You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (646) 749-3112</p> <p>Access Code: 822-116-637</p> <p>New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/822116637</p>
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