

## Understanding the Changes to CMS Visitation and Testing Guidance

This resource grid, developed with support by the Survey Regulatory Committee, is intended to assist with the interpretation of the updated CMS testing and visitation guidance released on March 10, 2022.

<p><a href="#">QSO-22-07-ALL</a> <a href="#">(Attachment A LTC)</a></p>	<p>F888 - Vaccinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only includes requirement for “Primary Vaccination” series completion or approved exemption for compliance.</li> <li>• <u>Does NOT include requirement for boosters</u>, but highly recommends. Up to date, definition not applicable.</li> <li>• For those not fully vaccinated (primary series) – then facility must have implemented addition precautions for those staff members, per facility policy.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">QSO-20-38-NH-REVISED – Testing</a> (3/10/22)</p>	<p>Testing of Residents/staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced the term “vaccinated” with “up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses”</li> <li>• Deleted the term “unvaccinated”</li> <li>• Includes those staff who are not “up-to-date” with all vaccinations and eligible boosters to be tested based on level of community transmission.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">QSO- 20-39-NH-REVISED – Visitation</a> (3/10/22)</p>	<p>Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaced the term “vaccinated” with “up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses” and deleted “unvaccinated”– as it relates to visitation, in room status and activities/dining and return from social outings 24 hours.</li> <li>• Updated visitor screening and quarantine criteria to include that visitors must meet the same criteria used for residents to discontinue transmission-based precautions (quarantine).</li> <li>• Includes new admissions who are not “up to date” to be in admission isolation, based on newly defined timelines. (See- <a href="#">Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes</a>) Note: there are exceptions to quarantine, including residents who are up-to-date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.</li> </ul>