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In Update #56, we communicated about CMS release of an interim final rule with comment period which revises § 483.80, establishing explicit reporting requirements for long-term care (LTC) facilities to report information related to COVID-19 cases among facility residents and staff. These reporting requirements are applicable on the effective date of this interim final rule, which is the date of the publication at the Office of the Federal Register. It has now been announced that the interim final rule is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on May 8th.

AHCA is developing resources to help members with these new requirements, including a template communication for notifications to residents, their representatives and families. AHCA is also working with CDC NHSN team to get resources to members on using NHSN. See article below for further developments on that front.

More Materials Available from CDC NHSN on New COVID-19 Module for Nursing Homes

CDC NHSN has released more materials for nursing homes to prepare for this new reporting requirement, including a guide to using the COVID-19 module. Visit the CDC website to sign up for updates.

There are two upcoming webinar trainings for the new LTCF COVID-19 Module. The training webinars will be recorded and posted to the LTCF COVID-19 Module webpage with a PDF of the slide presentation.

COVID-19 Module for Long-term Care Facilities Enrollment Guidance
Monday, May 4, 2020
2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern Time

COVID-19 Module Overview for Long-term Care Facilities
Tuesday May 5, 2020
3:00 – 4:30 PM Eastern Time
Learn how to join these webinars on the CDC NHSN website. If you have any questions, please email CDC at NHSN@cdc.gov and include LTCF COVID-19 in the subject line.

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**PPE Burn Rate Calculator - Mobile App**

The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator is now available as a mobile app. Facilities can use the NIOSH PPE Tracker app to calculate their average PPE consumption rate or “burn rate.” The app estimates how many days a PPE supply will last given current inventory levels and PPE burn rate. For the excel version, please visit the CDC website.

Please email COVID19@ahca.org for additional questions, or visit ahcancal.org/coronavirus for more information.

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