

NH DHHS Healthcare Facility COVID 19 Cluster Investigations

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Agenda

- ▶ DHHS Response Units Overview
- ▶ Cluster Investigation Response
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Opportunity for Questions
- ▶ Contact Information

DHHS Response Units Overview



Cluster Investigation Response

- ▶ The cluster investigation unit responds to one or more cases of COVID-19
- ▶ Settings where outbreaks occur may include:
 - Hospitals
 - Long term care facilities (LTCF) and assisted living facilities (ALF)
 - Residential facilities
 - Jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities
 - Businesses
 - Daycares
 - Etc.

Cluster Investigation Response

Communication

Notification

- Call from facility with positive case information
- Disease investigator notes individual is a patient, resident, or staff member

Investigation

- Asses current epidemiological information with pertinent facility
- Review current mitigation strategies in place

Response

- Provide infection control recommendations
- Work with the MMRS team to provide applicable testing

Support

- Make available relevant contact information and/or needed resources
- Continue to be available as needed

Cluster Investigation Response

	Single Case*	Cluster (2 Cases)	Outbreak (≥3 Cases)
Testing for all staff and residents in the unit/facility	Maybe	Maybe	Yes
Isolate those who tested positive	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quarantine those exposed	Yes	Yes	Yes
Universal Masking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Active Screening of Staff and patients/residents	Yes	Yes	Yes
Close unit/facility to new admissions	Maybe	Maybe	Yes
Close to outdoor visitation	Maybe	Maybe	Yes
Request Line List	No	No	Yes
Frequent Check Ins	No	No	Yes
*Of note CDC defines one case of COVID 19 in a long term care facility as an outbreak			

Resources

- ▶ [NH DHHS COVID 19 Website](#)
 - [LTCF Toolkit](#)
 - [FAQ Document](#)
 - [Information for LTCF](#)
- ▶ [CDC burn rate calculator – Excel file & mobile app](#)
- ▶ [NH COVID-19 General Travel and Quarantine Guidance & Employer Screening and Exclusion Criteria](#)

Resources



Weekly Schedule of Calls with DHHS & DPHS COVID-19 Q&As for ALL Long-Term Care Providers



Day/Time	Mondays @ 12:00n	Tuesdays @ 12:00n	Wednesdays @ 12:00n	Thursdays @ 12:00n
Presenters	Kristie Holtz, Wendy Smigelski	Kelly Keefe, Wendy Smigelski	Dr. Talbot, Dr. Chan, Elizabeth Daly, Taylor Selembo	DPHS Coordinated Call
Audience	SNFs	ALFs/RCs	ALL Long -Term Care	All Industries
Connection Info	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/118622819</p> <p>Meeting ID: 118 622 819</p> <p>One tap mobile +19292056099,,118622819# US (New York) +13126266799,,118622819# US (Chicago)</p> <p>Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 301 715 8592 US +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US</p> <p>Meeting ID: 118 622 819 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/adxZ7hSD6z</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/776547418</p> <p>Meeting ID: 776 547 418</p> <p>One tap mobile +13126266799,,776547418# US (Chicago) +19292056099,,776547418# US (New York)</p> <p>Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US +1 301 715 8592 US</p> <p>Meeting ID: 776 547 418 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/adxZ7hSD6z</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/511075725</p> <p>Meeting ID: 511 075 725</p> <p>One tap mobile +19292056099,,511075725# US (New York) +13126266799,,511075725# US (Chicago)</p> <p>Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US +1 301 715 8592 US +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p>Meeting ID: 511 075 725 Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/adxZ7hSD6z</p>	<p>Setup by DPHS Zoom link: https://zoom.us/s/94841259025 Password: 003270</p> <p>Call-in phone number: (646) 558-8656</p> <p>Meeting ID: 948 4125 9025 Password: 003270</p> <p>Check HAN Updates for more information</p>

- ▶ [Weekly Call Schedule](#)
- ▶ [Past Calls and Webinar Recordings](#)

Resources

- ▶ COVID 19 specimen collection supplies
 - Phone: 603-271-4605
 - Email: PHLClinicalKitOrders@dhhs.nh.gov
- ▶ PPE
 - [Request PPE](#) through the Emergency Services Unit
 - Foundation for Healthy Communities Vendor List
- ▶ Mass Onsite Testing
 - MMRS Phone: 603-271-5980

Questions?

Contact Information

- ▶ Cluster Investigation Team
 - Email: HAIProgram@dhhs.nh.gov
 - Phone: 603-271-4496, ask to speak for the Cluster Investigation Team

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Thank you!