



Agenda



Topic	Presenter/Facilitator
Global / National / State Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Epidemiology Update	Jennifer MacFarquhar, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC <i>Director, SHARPPS Program</i>
Infection Prevention Key Recommendations	Jennifer MacFarquhar, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC <i>Director, SHARPPS Program</i>
When can Congregate Care Facilities Ease Restrictions?	Jennifer MacFarquhar, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC <i>Director, SHARPPS Program</i>
Testing Guidance	Susan Kansagra, MD, MBA <i>NC Division of Public Health</i> Scott M. Shone, PhD, HCLD(ABB) <i>Director, NC State Laboratory of Public Health</i>
PPE Distribution Updates	Kimberly Clement, MPH, Paramedic <i>Program Manager, Healthcare Preparedness Program</i>
Medicaid Update	Dave Richard <i>Deputy Secretary NC Medicaid</i>
Discussion / Q&A	Call Participants – <i>Please type questions in chat feature</i>

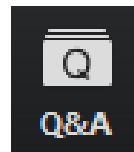


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Epidemiology Update



- Epidemiology Update
- Infection Prevention Recommendations
- Easing of Restrictions in Congregate Care Facilities



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CDC Guidance on Testing in Nursing Homes



- **New** CDC Testing Guidance on Nursing Homes
- **New** Performing Facility-wide SARs-CoV-2 Testing

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Outbreak Coordination & PPE Update

- Increased access to Personal Protective Equipment for long-term care facilities
 - Includes guidance document on proper use to prevent outbreaks
- Details on requesting more PPE when needed:
 - <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/requesting-ppe>



PPE Update cont.

- **Who:**
 - All State Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities will receive 10-14 Day Proactive Supply
 - Face Shields
 - Procedure Masks
 - Gloves
 - Shoe Covers
- **When & Where:**
 - Initial distro will finish up June 4th, 2020
- **What if:**
 - Long Term Care Facilities that missed their pickup on their designated date can request the PPE Push Pack directly through the PPE Request Link on DHHS Website (here: <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/information/health-care/requesting-ppe>) In the justification please indicate the number of beds and that you missed your pickup. NCEM will send the PPE to your county EM for you to pick up



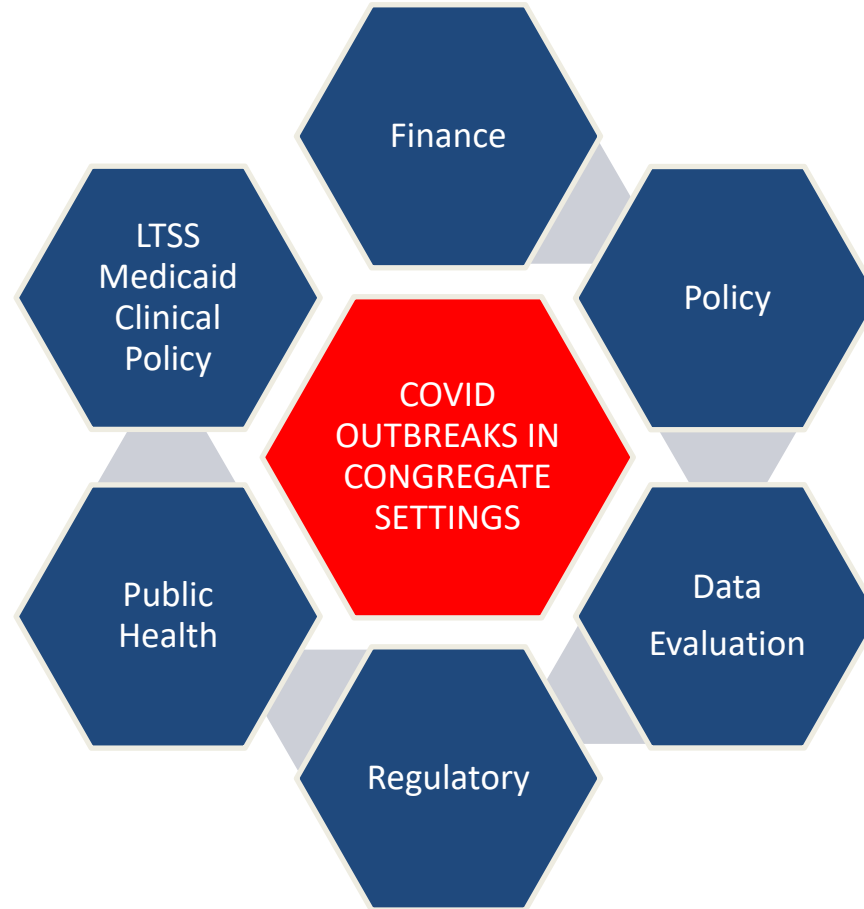
NC Medicaid's Goals Related to Congregate Care/LTSS COVID-19 Response

To support COVID-related response and needs among facility-based and community LTSS providers, by leveraging Medicaid resources to:

- Effectively support the care of COVID+ residents.
- Accommodate needs related to hospital discharge surge.
- Reduce transmission through effective infection management and prevention.
- Increase service flexibility for provider networks impacted by crisis.



Like All Things Related to Long-Term Care... The Response has been Interdisciplinary



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Goal: To Effectively Support the Care of COVID+ Residents

Under COVID-19
Special Bulletin #82

Outbreak
Nursing
Facilities

Outbreak
Adult Care
Homes

Outbreak Rates are Funding	Preliminary Use Data (% of Reporting Providers)
Direct care staff base rate increase/hazard pay increase	96.8%
Direct care staff overtime costs	100.0%
COVID-related staff training	96.8%
Additional/Specialized PPE	100.0%
Additional/Specialized Equipment	87.1%
New/expanded infection control-related services or costs not otherwise reflected	93.5%
Facility Modifications	64.5%
Other	3.2%



Goals:

- 1) To Effectively Support the Care of COVID+ Residents;
- 2) To Accommodate Needs Related to Hospital Discharge Surge

Development of a "COVID Response" Facility Network

- Established under Special Bulletin COVID-19 #82
- Response facilities have indicated a willingness to accept COVID+ patients and have met threshold infection prevention/control competencies.
- Receive enhanced rate for Medicaid residents.
- Current network includes identified nursing facilities but may expand to include other post-acute resources.
- For more information, please email Medicaid.ProviderReimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov



Goal: To Effectively Support the Care of COVID+ Residents/Clients

Special Bulletin To Be Released

- Rate realignment and increased hour availability to support in-home personal assistance under State Plan PCS and CAP/DA, CAP/C serving COVID + clients.
- Reporting requirements will align with those for Outbreak Facilities.
- Special Bulletin forthcoming.
- Save the Date: Reporting Technical Assistance Session, Wednesday, June 3, 1:00-2:00p.
- To Register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9126678092806853645>



Questions from this Medicaid Update?

**About Hardship
Advancements**

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**About COVID-related
Rate Increases**

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**About Reports
Required of Outbreak
and Response
Facilities**

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**About COVID-related
flexibilities in
Medicaid Policy**

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Questions

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