



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

## **I. WEBINAR TO ADDRESS COVID-19 DURING FLU SEASON**

Providers who are concerned about the upcoming fall, when the flu season will begin to dovetail with the pandemic, will want to tune into a *McKnight's* webinar next week.

“When COVID-19 and Flu Season Converge: What to Anticipate and How to Prepare” will take place on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. EDT. Those who listen can receive continuing education credits.

Nancy L. Losben, R.Ph., CCP, CG, a consultant pharmacist and chief quality officer for Omnicare/CVS Health, will talk about what to anticipate with the upcoming flu season, how facility staff must react to signs and symptoms of coinciding respiratory infections, and what a facility should do to prepare for a complex and precarious fall, winter and spring.

To register for this FREE webinar [click here](#).

## **II. FIT TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR N-95 RESPIRATORS: (CLICK HERE)**

This was a question that arose from our Infection Control Training. The following link has basic OSHA guidelines regarding fit testing for N-95 respirators.

## **III. INFECTION CONTROL POLICY TRAINING FROM THE WHO: (CLICK HERE)**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a self-paced webinar titled *Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) core components and multimodal strategies*. In this introductory course you will learn the essential components of effective IPC programs, including multimodal strategies for implementation, at the national and facility level, according to scientific evidence and the advice of WHO and international experts.

## **IV. GAO ASSESSMENT OF COVID-19 DATA AND MODELING: (CLICK HERE)**

As part of the CARES Act, congress provided that GAO would study the data collection and modeling of the COVID-19 data and modeling and provide an assessment of the data that has been reported during the pandemic. See the link above for a copy of the report.

V. **DISINFECTANTS FOR USE AGAINST COVID-19: (CLICK HERE)**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has updated the listing of disinfectants approved for use against SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19). This list was updated on August 6, 2020.

VI. **DHEC GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 TESTING IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES:**

DHEC is proud to share with you our COVID-19 Testing Guidance Webinar for long-term care facilities (LTCFs). The webinar is available to view [here](#).

As a reminder, we recommend that all LTCFs please read DHEC's COVID-19 Testing Guidance for LTCFs available [here](#). This includes a copy of the letter from Dr. Linda J. Bell, State Epidemiologist, addressed to all LTCF Administrators.

We strongly encourage LTCFs to continue monitoring both the [Nursing Homes \(COVID-19\) page](#) and [Healthcare Facilities \(COVID-19\) page](#) for the latest updates, guidance, resources, and relevant information regarding your respective facilities.

Please feel free to reach out to [ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov) with any questions.