**Q&A with DHS and MDH for 12/1/21**

**Q&A Panel**

Anonymous Attendee 11:18 AM

Do HCBS sites need to follow all of the areas in the ETS for Healthcare template? As a community setting, it doesn't appear that it would apply to us. It is set to expire 12/21. Any indication that it would continue?

Anonymous Attendee 11:32 AM

Where can a provider get extensive training on 6790c’s? Also on how to set market rates.

**Answered**

colleen 11:03 AM

Wondering if Jill could give a detailed update on the bulletin that was sent out yesterday on the continuation of 245D remote services

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 11:07 AM

Can we delete the Covid-19 Emergency study once an applicant's fingerprint study comes back eligible?

Jill Roberts 11:09 AM

I can check on that and provide an answer on the next call, but I would keep them both for the timebeing.

Paige Risdal 11:08 AM

Is there a way to check when employees schedule their fingerprint date for? I can only see "in-process" and can't see if they have scheduled it or not.

Jill Roberts 11:10 AM

No, you would have to ask the employee.

Debra 11:08 AM

What guidance should ICF's follow in regards to holiday celebrations with the current residents that live together? Also, is their guidance on having enterainers (sing, play music, etc) in the facility as well? Thanks

JP Mahoehney 11:12 AM

There is no specific holiday guidance for ICFs; however, you could refer to the MDH music guidance: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/musicguide.pdf>, CDC healthcare guidance, and CMS visitation guidance. All three of those have recommendations that you would need or be recommended to follow. If you would need more specific guidance please reach out and I would be happy to help with any specific nuances you are concerned about.

Anonymous Attendee 11:09 AM

If someone was hired on an emergency study and we resubmit for a new study, will they still be cleared to work unsupervised or will it change their status?

Jill Roberts 11:19 AM

I believe they are they still cleared to work under the emergency study while the emergency study is processed.

Jennifer Freeburg 11:11 AM

For Day Programs: if a person-served tests positive for COVID, does that person's entire cohort still need to quarantine, or only anyone who is considered a Close Contact of the positive person? Following: are we required to notify all persons-served of a COVID case in the program, or only those considered Close Contacts? Lastly, does MDH and/or DHS still want to be notified of a COVID case at a day program? Thank you!

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 11:11 AM

Colin- can you speak to the status of the 2022 increase that is supposed to being rolling out in January? Have we received official approval from CMS for that piece?

Colin Stemper 11:13 AM

Thanks for your question. DHS will be sending a communication on this topic this week.

Anonymous Attendee 11:14 AM

The communication on 11/19/2021 for Resubmissions o emergency backgroundies, DHS pasese in. Base on this communication, does this mean providers can only submit previous emergency studies during their designated time period? If providers are not able to get all completed, can the still continue to submit the background studies outside of their designated time period?

Jill Roberts 11:22 AM

Yes, providers should begin submitting emergency studies on the date they are indicated to begin. Providers can continue to submit emergency studies after the timeframe as well.

Carrie Guida 11:16 AM

Jill Roberts: I have never heard of a Netstudy account for the BGS covid credit. So it is not clear to me where this credit is located and how we access it. I have a debit card on file to pay for studies.

Jill Roberts 11:23 AM

When you subit a study, and it directes you to where to pay, it will indicate that you have a credit and do not owe anything for the study.

Denise Miller 11:24 AM

Testing locations are weeks out and by the time a date is available it is often more than 10 days out. Options / ideas?

JP Mahoehney 11:26 AM

You can use rapid tests (although not perfect) they can be used. The OSHA ETS does also ask that employers who use rapid tests use a verfication method. Here is more: I think the FAQ ETS is also helpful to describe the appropriate use of these tests by an employer (<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>). On paragraph 6K it states: 6.K. May a COVID-19 over-the-counter-test from a local pharmacy be used to satisfy the testing requirements under paragraph (g)?Yes; however, to satisfy the requirements of the standard an over-the-counter (OTC) antigen test may not be both self-administered and self-read unless observed by the employer or an authorized telehealth proctor. Antigen tests indicate current infection by detecting the presence of a specific viral antigen. Most can be processed at the point of care with results available in about 15¬30 minutes. OSHA included the requirement for some type of independent confirmation of the test result in order to ensure the integrity of the result.

Anonymous Attendee 11:24 AM

Does a day service facility need to report a death related to complications from covid through redcap if the initial report of positive test result was reported?

This question has been answered live

**Chat Panel**

From Doug Annett to Everyone 11:04 AM

<https://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS-331076>

From Jill Roberts to Everyone 11:16 AM

Background studies website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/background-studies/>

From Gabe Smith to All Panelists 11:16 AM

Any updates on boosters for staff? Requirements?

From Katie C to All Panelists 11:17 AM

question about IDEMIA - I have not received a response from them re: our enrollment. Any suggestion to reach them and move this process forward?

From JP Mahoehney to Everyone 11:18 AM

Intermediate care facilities, home care, & hospiceThursday, December 2, 2021 Register for 12/2 Project Firstline Table Talk (<https://minnesota.webex.com/webappng/sites/minnesota/meeting/info/7de4c0b333b0432687e71cd7b574e458?isPopupRegisterView=true>)

Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 (Toll Free)

Access code: 2482 259 8742

From JP Mahoehney to Everyone 11:21 AM

There has been a change to the reporting process for Adult Day and Day Service Facilities. Cases should be reported through this new link to the best of provider’s ability <https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=9XMX7WKRTM>).

From Jenna Neal to All Panelists 11:24 AM

fully vaccinated with exposure and no Sx, monitor and test as precaution but not need to quarantine- this still applies, correct?

From JP Mahoehney to Everyone 11:24 AM

Correct Jenna!

From Jill Roberts to Everyone 11:25 AM

Katie C, send me an email and I can direct it to our vendor management staff to follow up. [Jill.C.Roberts@state.mn.us](mailto:Jill.C.Roberts@state.mn.us)