



Updates for ICF/IDD Providers

Kevin Dressler, Director, Bureau of State Operated Facilities, Office of Developmental Programs, has issued several informational emails recently for ICF providers. The following summarizes the information he has shared.

DOH Life Safety

Attached to this email is a [master list of the 1135 Waivers of the Life Safety Regulations](#). This is an easy reference to all of the current waivers in place regarding life safety.

ODP Waiver Request

The good news is we have received approved from CMS for a portion of our waiver request. The summarization of the 1135 waiver request is under executive review and I hope to share this sometime next week.

Universal Testing

This is a reminder that baseline universal testing of the staff and people living in your centers is required to be completed by August 31. When the testing is completed the results need to be submitted to DOH and to ODP via the following links. Report the completion of baseline testing to:

- RA-PWODPEMRGNCYRSPRQ@pa.gov
- DOH wants reporting to them on [this form](#).

The ICF leads in the regional offices will be reaching out to each ICF provider to get a status update on the completion of Baseline Universal testing. Please send your status update on baseline universal testing for each of your locations to the ODP resource account by the close of business on Friday, 8/14/20. If you are having difficulty completing the testing and/or have questions you can also utilize the same resource account to submit questions.

The ICF Taskforce Meeting

The meeting date is moved to 8/27/20 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm without a scheduled lunch break to cover the agenda items. The meeting will focus primarily on COVID-19 related items: status of the virus, Universal testing, reopening plans, along with DOH Q & A, and Financial related items: New Cost Report and Budget Forms, future of prudent pay. I will be sending out an agenda in two weeks. Please send me any questions you have that you would like to cover by August 21 to allow for it to be added to the agenda and time for a us to be prepared to provide a response at the meeting. Please send your questions to RA-PWODPICFID@pa.gov to assure they will be addressed at the meeting as fully as we possibly can.

Reopening Plans

- I have attached the latest [FAQ document](#) on Reopening. This document will help work through many of the questions and concerns we have when developing our reopening plans. Reminder that the regional ICF leads are available to assist you with any questions you may have about developing your reopening plans. Also, please submit your completed reopening plans to the following ODP account: RA-PWODPEMRGNCYRSPRQ@pa.gov

N-95/KN-95 Fit testing:

Reminder that the use of N-95 and KN-95 masks require fit testing of people prior to use of N-95 and KN-95 masks following the NIOSH guidelines. If you have any concerns with completing fit testing of people utilizing these masks you can reach out to the ODP resource account RA-PWODPEMRGNCYRSPRQ@pa.gov for possible assistance.

CMS issued a [memo](#) and there are also applicable standards from OSHA:

- [OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134](#)
- [OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 Appendix A](#)

If you determine that your facility would need to implement a respiratory protection program, to include fit testing, and need training then some available resources are commercial vendors to complete fit testing for you, train your staff in the fit testing process, or the below offering from DOH.

PA DOH is providing the following class for all providers free of charge. You will need to [register](#) to attend, using the search function to locate course #1090851. If you have not previously registered an account with [TRAIN PA](#) then you will need to do so before searching and registering for a class. Once the course is located, select a session to attend with available space.

PA-BEPR: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Training for Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF)

This course will provide PPE training for LTCF professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Course Objectives:

1. Explain basic facts about COVID-19, including individual risk, signs, and symptoms.
2. Describe current OSHA requirements employers must have in place for employees to use PPE and RPE.
3. List the potential pathways for COVID-19 exposure and how they relate to your assigned PPE and RPE.
4. Demonstrate proper use of your assigned PPE and RPE, including limitations, inspecting, donning and doffing.
5. Describe Universal Precautions as they relate to bloodborne pathogen exposure.
6. List potential tasks in your workplace that may be at-risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
7. Define bloodborne pathogens and list other potentially infectious materials.
8. Review and Perform N-95 respirator training.
9. List the OSHA prerequisite requirements for individuals to receive a fit test.
10. Describe options for fit testing, including the contraindications to fit testing and sizes/styles/brands of respirators that must be available for an individual to be fit tested.
11. Successfully perform multiple OSHA-compliant QLFT for an N95 respirator.
12. Troubleshoot unsuccessful QLFT for an N95 respirator.

Currently Available Dates/Locations:

1. Aug 17, 2020
 - Bensalem High School
 - 1:00 pm (EST)
 - (17 seats available)

2. Aug 18, 2020
 - Bensalem High School
 - 1:00 pm (EST)
 - (11 seats available)
3. Aug 19, 2020
 - PA College Of Technology, Penn's Inn/Bush Campus Center
 - 1:00 pm (EST)
 - (19 seats available)
4. Aug 20, 2020
 - Seneca Volunteer Fire Dept.
 - 1:00 pm (EST)
 - (2 seats available)
5. Aug 28, 2020
 - PA FARM SHOW COMPLEX-COMMONWEALTH ROOM
 - 1:00 pm (EST)
 - (19 seats available)