



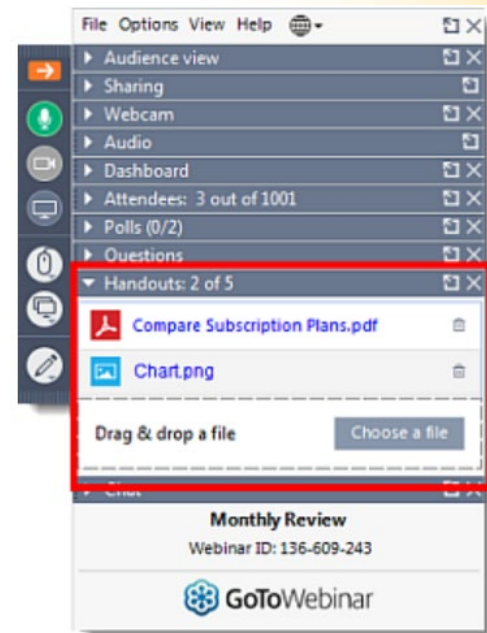
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**Welcome to the
ALF Provider
COVID-19 Webinar
with LTCR**

May 5, 2021

Handout

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COVID-19 Resources

Available resources and tools for ALFs:

- [COVID-19 Response Plan](#)
- COVID-19 Emergency Rules
 - [§553.2001](#)
 - [§553.2003](#)
 - [§553.2004](#)
- Frequently Asked Questions
 - [ALF FAQ](#)
- [Provider Letters](#)
- [Texas Division of Emergency Management](#) - interactive map for finding testing resources



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Webinar Frequency

ALF Provider COVID-19 webinar frequency is changing from weekly to every other week starting in May.

Upcoming webinar schedule:

- May 19, 2021
- June 2, 2021
- June 16, 2021
- June 30, 2021



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Webinar Recordings and PDFs

Access recordings and PDFs of previous ALF webinars from the [ALF Portal](#).

Click on COVID-19 Resources to expand the accordion to access resources and webinars.

- [April 28, 2021 – ALF COVID-19 Q&A Webinar Slides \(PDF\)](#)
- [April 28, 2021 – ALF COVID-19 Q&A Webinar Recording](#)



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CDC Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People

CDC guidance:

- Non-healthcare settings - [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)
- Healthcare settings - [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#)



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CDC Guidance

ALFs can implement some of the updated CDC guidance, as long as the CDC guidance **does not** conflict with our rules.

Example: Our rules state that all visitors must wear masks. Therefore, a visitor cannot be allowed to take off his/her mask even if they are fully vaccinated.



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CDC Guidance

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If the CDC guidance does not conflict with anything we have in rule, you can go ahead and begin to implement the guidance.

We anticipate to have emergency rules that reflect the new CDC guidance soon. Please check the HHSC websites for update.



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Vaccination Reporting

Providers **must** report COVID-19 vaccination data for residents and staff to HHSC within 24 hours of the vaccinations.

HHSC expects providers to report **all** known data, no matter where the vaccine was administered or who administered it.

HHSC plans to extend the vaccination reporting rules (§[553.2004](#)) for 60 days



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Vaccination Reporting

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Report vaccination data via Survey Monkey tool:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRDM2GY>
- Report vaccination data for residents and staff, not essential caregivers



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Child Visitors

Can a facility have a policy that no children under age 12 are allowed to visit residents?

No.

[§553.2003\(b\)](#) Visitors, except for essential caregivers, may be any age. Visitors under the age of two are exempt from all requirements related to wearing masks described in this section.



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Escorting Visitors

Do we need to escort visitors to the resident's room or visitation area?

A facility is required to screen visitors and schedule visits, it is not required to escort visitors. A facility may establish a policy for escorting visitors, but the same policy may not be used to prohibit or limit visitation.



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Dining

Can fully-vaccinated residents dine together without physical distancing?

Per CDC:

- Fully vaccinated residents can participate in communal dining without use of source control or physical distancing.
- If unvaccinated residents are dining in a communal area (e.g., dining room) all residents need to use source control (facemask) when not eating and unvaccinated residents need to continue to remain at least 6 feet from others.



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Activities

Can fully-vaccinated residents participate in group activities without physical distancing?

Per CDC:

- If all residents participating in the activity are fully vaccinated, then they may choose to have close contact and to not wear source control during the activity.
- If unvaccinated residents are present, then all participants in the group activity need to wear source control (facemask) and unvaccinated residents need to physically distance from others.



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GovDelivery

To sign-up for Alerts:

- Go to:
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>
- Enter your email address.
- Confirm your email address, select your delivery preference, and submit a password if you want one.
- Select your topics.
- When done click "Submit."



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LTC Ombudsman



Patty Ducayet

State Long-term Care Ombudsman

Telework Phone: (737) 704-9075

https://apps.hhs.texas.gov/news_info/ombudsman/

Statewide Contact for an LTC Ombudsman:

Phone: (800) 252-2412 or

Email: ltc.ombudsman@hhs.texas.gov

Facebook Live Events

Weekly Facebook Live Q&A for Families of LTC Residents:

Every Wednesday, 12:15 to 12:45

<https://www.facebook.com/texasltcombudsman?fref=ts>



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COVID-19 Page

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19>

ALF Provider Portal

<https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/long-term-care-providers/assisted-living-facilities-alf>



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Thank you!
