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Today's Issue:

- **Aerosolizing Respiratory Treatments in LTC Guidance**
- **Updated Information – APIC Indiana Long Term Care (LTC) COVID-19 Networking & Open Forum Session – May 8, 2020**
- **Facility Emergency Transfer Form - Updated**

Aerosolizing Respiratory Treatment in LTC

There are some shifts to how health care providers must deliver care to meet the needs of residents and minimize risk of disease transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic. One key area is how we are delivering respiratory treatments that are known to aerosolize respiratory particles during administration. This includes administration of inhaled medications via nebulizer therapy and non-invasive airway support via C-PAP and Bi-PAP to residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection. Guidelines recommend these treatments should be performed in a negative pressure isolation room for people who are COVID positive and these rooms are not in any long term care facilities.

Complete Guidance: [Mitigating Use of Aerosolizing Respiratory Treatments in LTCs](#)

Updated Information – APIC Indiana Long Term Care COVID-19 Networking & Open Forum Session – May 8, 2020

The APIC Indiana Long Term Care COVID – 19 Networking & Open Forum Session is conducted every Friday (thru June 26) from 12:00PM – 1:00PM EST. On 05/08/2020 the following updates were presented:

- **Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19**
- **Discontinuation of Transmission – Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings**

Click here: [Powerpoint from May 8, 2020](#)

Information for APIC Indiana Session: [APIC Indiana Long Term Care COVID-19 Networking & Open Forum Session](#)

Facility Emergency Transfer Form – Updated

The [LTC Newsletter 2020-30](#) contained the “Long Term Care Facility Communication Guidelines” that became effective on May 4, 2020. Within the guidelines was the [Family Emergency Transfer Form](#). This form is now a fillable form that can be completed and sent to the local Ombudsman.