

COVID-19 GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES (SNF)



STAFF COVID-19 EXPOSURE/ POSITIVE TEST

- Health Care Facilities are required to follow All Facilities Letters (AFLs), Cal/OSHA regulations, and CDC and CDPH COVID-19 guidelines for healthcare personnel.

[CA AFL 21-08.9](#)

[CalOSHA Regulation](#)



RESIDENT COVID-19 EXPOSURE/ POSITIVE TEST

- SNFs should ensure residents identified with confirmed COVID-19 are isolated in a designated COVID-19 isolation area and will comply with mitigation strategies outlined in AFL 12-12 and CDC Infection Control recommendations.

[CA AFL 23-12](#)

[CDC Infection Control](#)



MASKING

- SNFs are required to follow the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Disease standard that requires the use of N95 respirators for worker protection during the care of suspect or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

[CA Code §5199. Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#)



OUTBREAK RESPONSE

- SNFs will report outbreaks (a disease incident of three or more cases in a week) to the Public Health Department.
- As workplaces, SNFs will adhere to Cal/OSHA COVID-19 prevention and notification regulations.

[Title 17, CCR, §2500](#)

[CalOSHA Requirements](#)



REPORTING

- SNFs shall report hospitalization and/or death of a patient due to COVID-19 within one working day and will report weekly all positive COVID-19 patients to the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

[CMS Reporting Guidance](#)

[Vital Records Guidance](#)