

*This document provides a recap of guidance and other information. It is a resource to manage the evolving material for health care facilities and professionals as well as those entrusted to post-mortem care. It is not meant to serve as an all-inclusive compilation.*

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK			
Date	Title	New or Revised	Audience
4/27/2020	<a href="#">Guidance on Hospital Responses to COVID-19</a>	Revised	Hospitals
4/27/2020	<a href="#">Guidance on Ambulatory Surgical Facilities' Responses to COVID-19</a>	Revised	Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
4/30/2020	<a href="#">COVID-19 and Treatment Drugs FAQ</a>	New	Multiple Stakeholders

RELEVANT CDC GUIDANCE PUBLISHED RECENTLY		
Date	Title	Audience
4/23/2020	<a href="#">CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Home Health Agencies (HHAs) and Religious Nonmedical Healthcare Institutions (RNHCIs)</a>	Licensed Healthcare Facilities
4/27/2020	<a href="#">Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)</a> Revised	All
	<a href="#">CMS Telehealth Toolkit (COVID-19 Version)</a>	Healthcare Providers

SOME QUESTION(S) RECEIVED RECENTLY	
Question	Answer
I want to ensure that we are still waiting for Governor Wolf to designate that elective surgeries are permitted after 14 days of decreased COVID-19 cases. Am I to assume that we start after May 8th if Pennsylvania case numbers stay low?	ASFs are authorized to immediately begin performing elective surgeries and procedures in accordance with the <a href="#">guidance</a> . Specifically, the considerations described in the Joint Statement must, at a minimum, be reviewed prior to resumption. Facilities can use the information posted on the Department's website regarding the number of positive cases reported in the region and the increases, but the Department will not be making determinations specifically relating to ASFs or hospitals as to whether they're in a geographical region with a sustained reduction. The facility is charged with determining its capacity to safely provide elective procedures during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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In complying with the Secretary of Health's Order for Nursing Care Facilities to report in the Knowledge Center, can nursing care facility and personal care home data be combined?	The Secretary's Order was for nursing care facilities, so data for personal care homes should be removed before submission.
Regarding a hospital's responsibility to notify first responders of confirmed COVID-19 transport cases, is a hospital responsible for notifying other first responders that may have been on the scene?	When complying with <a href="#">Responsibility of Hospitals to Notify First Responders of Confirmed COVID-19 Transport Cases</a> , follow the same protocol used when notifying first responders of any other potentially life-threatening infectious disease in accordance with the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION
<a href="#">A COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit</a> has been published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE). It contains eleven resource collections including workforce protection resources, workforce resilience/sustainability, and a COVID-19 information sharing page.

FOR MORE INFORMATION	
Source	Address
Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/">https://www.health.pa.gov/</a>
Process for Reopening Pennsylvania	<a href="https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/">https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Nursing Homes	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Hospitals	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Hospitals.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Other Licensed Healthcare Facilities	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Facilities.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Health Care Professionals	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Health-Care-Professionals.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Dental Care	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Dental-Care.aspx</a>

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DOH COVID-19 Info for Coroners/Medical Examiners	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coroners.aspx</a>
DOH COVID-19 Info for Funeral Directors	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Funeral-Directors.aspx</a>
2020 DOH Health Alerts, Advisories and Updates	<a href="https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx">https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/prep/PA-HAN/Pages/2020-HAN.aspx</a>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<a href="https://www.cdc.gov/">https://www.cdc.gov/</a>