



## MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### **Nursing Home Guidelines and Resources**

On September 17, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated visitation guidelines for nursing home settings. These guidelines should be followed and may be found by accessing the following memo: **QSO-20-39-NH** (<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>).

Facilities should continue to follow the testing guidelines found in **QSO-20-38-NH** (<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh.pdf>) paying close attention to the frequency requirements listed in the “Routine Testing of Staff” section.

The **CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data page** (<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg>) contains useful information such as frequently asked questions, reporting requirements and COVID-19 testing. This page also contains a link to the county positivity rates used to determine testing frequencies in your facility, **Archive of county positivity rates** (<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/q5r5-gjyu>)

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