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Center for Disease Control
Division of Licensing and Certification

Congregate Setting COVID-19 Stakeholder Call
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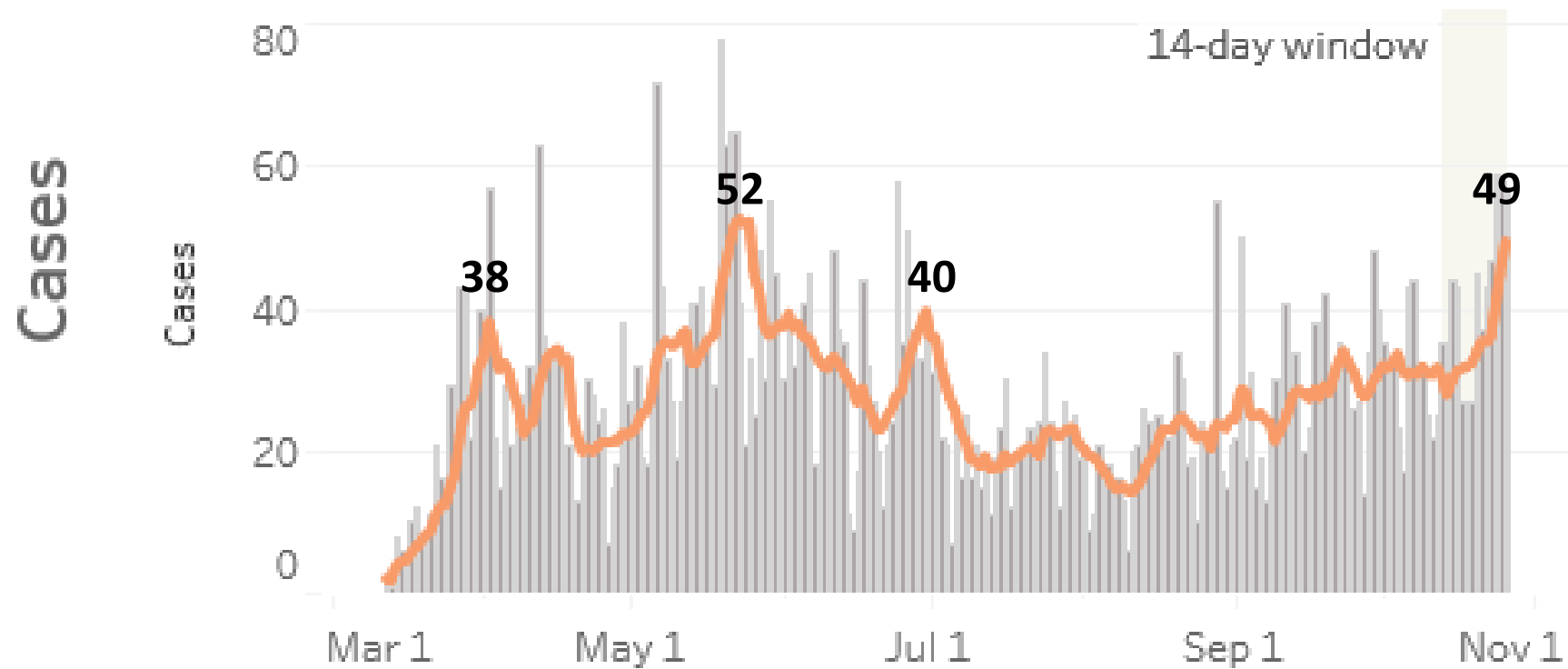
Meeting Agenda

- ❑ Data Review- CDC
- ❑ NHSN POC Reporting Update- CDC
- ❑ Connect to Care Jobs Update- Joy Gould, DHHS Work Force
- ❑ Proposed Residential Care Regulations- DLC, OADS
- ❑ Opportunity to Sign Up for Federal Pharmacy Partnership-OADS, CDC
- ❑ Infection Prevention and Control Initiative Update/Reminder- OADS
- ❑ Update on Re-opening Guidance- OADS, CDC, DLC

Maine Data

New cases

Purpose: Measure incidence of new COVID-19 cases



28-day Data

County	Data from last 28 days												
	Laboratory Data				Case data			Rate per 10,000	Syndromic data*			Outbreaks	
	Ind	Negative	Positive	Total	% positive	Confirmed	Probable		Total	Total Visits	%ILI	%COVID	Opened
Androscoggin	1	17647	154	17802	0.9	120	30	150	13.85	5422	1.1	1.8	3
Aroostook	1	3872	12	3885	0.3	13	3	16	2.39	4665	1.7	1.4	0
Cumberland	4	31976	91	32071	0.3	123	21	144	4.88	7588	0.8	0.8	2
Franklin	1	2021	13	2035	0.6	12	4	16	5.30	876	0.8	0.5	1
Hancock	2	4160	3	4165	0.1	8	1	9	1.64	1607	0.4	0.5	0
Kennebec	5	23453	72	23530	0.3	68	25	93	7.60	3781	1.2	1.3	3
Knox	1	3167	19	3187	0.6	19	6	25	6.29	1268	0.7	1.0	1
Lincoln	0	2396	7	2403	0.3	17	1	18	5.20	1273	1.4	1.5	0
Oxford	3	4607	25	4635	0.5	24	3	27	4.66	2312	1.2	1.2	0
Penobscot	6	11692	14	11712	0.1	28	3	31	2.04	5503	0.5	0.6	1
Piscataquis	1	710	2	713	0.3	1	0	1	0.60	698	2.3	3.4	0
Sagadahoc	0	2751	6	2757	0.2	11	3	14	3.90	927	0.3	0.5	0
Somerset	2	3638	33	3673	0.9	37	8	45	8.91	2407	0.8	1.2	1
Waldo	0	2374	16	2390	0.7	54	9	63	15.86	1266	1.1	1.5	1
Washington	4	1903	5	1912	0.3	11	2	13	4.14	1383	0.9	0.4	1
York	4	13752	146	13902	1.1	188	34	222	10.69	5450	0.7	0.7	5
Total	35	130119	618	130772	0.5	734	153	887	6.60	48927**	0.9	1.0	19

*syndromic data has a 2 day lag to increase completeness of ICD codes

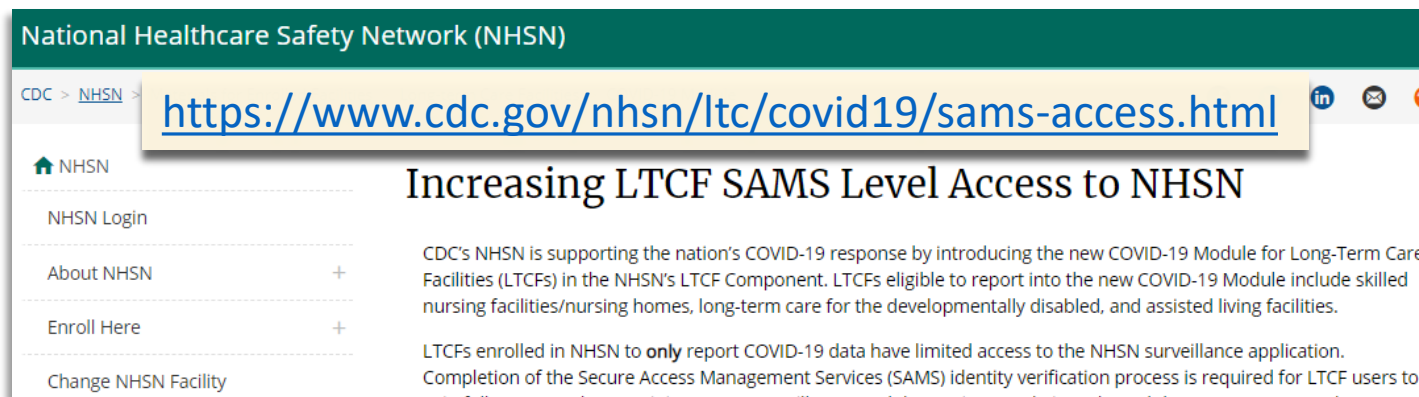
**statewide totals include out of state residents seen in Maine hospitals and individuals with unknown residence

Updated 10/22

NHSN Update

On October 19, 2020, HHS updated its reporting guidance to indicate that CMS-certified long-term care facilities are required to use NHSN to meet this reporting requirement

- **LTCF NHSN users are required to obtain Level 3 security access with Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) to report POC test data.**
 - If your facility users currently have SAMS Level 1 access, they should have been contacted by NHSN with instructions for Level 3 promotion. If assistance needed, please contact NHSN@cdc.gov and include in the subject line, “*Enhancing Data Security.*”
- Trainings are being planned by NHSN with more information soon. Please watch for email from NHSN.
 - In the meantime, please check the Tables of Instructions found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html> for guidance on the individual data elements.
 - Please send any questions about the reporting tool to NHSN@cdc.gov and include in the subject line, “POC test reporting”.



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Care Antigen Test Re



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Staff POC.docx

NHSN Update

NHSN has become aware of, and fixed, a defect in the Pharmacy Partnership Program (PPP).

- The defect is encountered when a facility changed its previously entered PPP participation choices. In these cases, the system may not have retained the changes.
- **This defect appears to have been active between Monday October 19, 2020 and Friday, October 23, 2020.**

If your facility made changes to the PPP options at any time during PPP enrollment, please reenter the NHSN system and confirm that the correct options are recorded.

- Make any necessary updates and save the correct data. **Please do so before the end of the sign-up program on November 6, 2020.**

Questions: please contact eocevent494@cdc.gov.

Connect to Care Jobs Update

- Overview

- www.connecttocarejobs.com

- Video

- <http://www.advancingstates.org/employer-video-ConnectToCareJobs>

- Quick Guide

- http://www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/Quick_Guide_to_ConnectToCareJobs%207.14.pdf

Proposed Residential Care Regulations

This major substantive rulemaking institutes measures to improve and clarify infection surveillance, control, mitigation, and crisis staffing planning in Maine's assisted housing facilities, including assisted living, residential care facilities, and private non-medical institutions. This rulemaking revises 10-144 CMR Ch. 113, Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Housing Programs, which is published in nine parts, by adding a new part. The provisions related to Infection Prevention and Control will apply to all types of Assisted Housing Programs subject to licensure under 22 MRS §7801. These provisions are consistent with State and Federal Center for Disease Control guidance, in response to the increased spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and will help to mitigate any future outbreaks of novel contagious illnesses.

This is a major substantive rulemaking, and this new rule will be provisionally adopted following public comment and review by the Office of the Attorney General. The provisionally adopted rule will not become effective until after Legislative review and approval.

Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (if any):

Because this is a major substantive rulemaking, the APA requires a public hearing be held. 5 M.R.S. §8052(1). Due to the current public health emergency, the public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom from 10 am -12 noon on Thursday, 11/12/20. Participants may join the hearing at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85219782122?pwd=N11RMERja1RlZmh5a1lnUTYwMy9QQT09>.

Opportunity to Sign Up for Federal Pharmacy Partnership

Attention All Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs), and Assisted Housing Providers

Opportunity to Sign Up for Federal Pharmacy Partnership This Week

The federal CDC is partnering with pharmacies to offer on-site COVID-19 vaccination services for nursing homes and assisted living facilities when vaccine becomes available. All ICF/IIDs and Assisted Housing providers, including PNMIs, Residential Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Adult Family Care Homes and IDD Waiver Homes should consider enrolling by the end of this week. The service is free and provides end-to-end service.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/COVID-19-LTCF-letter.pdf>

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/FAQ-Pharmacy-Partnership-for-LTC-Program.pdf>

Infection Prevention & Control Consultation

Reminder:

If your facility is interested in participating in the Infection, Prevention and Consultation initiative, please contact Gretchen Zeh-Higgins @ gretchen.zeh-higgins@maine.gov

Available Resources

Office of Governor Mills: <https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/covid-19>

Maine CDC:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml>

Federal CDC:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fsummary.html

Maine Office of Aging and Disability Services:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads/Coronavirus-COVID-19.shtml>

Office of MaineCare Services:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus-resources.shtml>

Division of Licensing and Certification- Regulations re: Assisted Housing:

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/ch113.htm>

Available Resources

Cloth Coverings making/donating: <https://www.sewingmasksformaine.com/> or <https://pages.mainemep.org>

MEMA: <https://www.maine.gov/mema/ema-community/county-local/county-emergency-management-agencies>

The Front-Line Warm-Line is available to clinicians and first responders from 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week by calling (207) 221-8196 or 866-367-4440. Text capability will be added soon.

For EPA registered Disinfectants:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/selected-epa-registered-disinfectants>

Available Resources

Hand Sanitizer:

This comes in bulk so providers may need to have smaller containers available to transfer as needed.

ETHANOL ANTISEPTIC 80% TOPICAL SOLUTION- Hand Sanitizer

The University of Maine is a designated Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) response unit and we can help provide this material. We currently have limited supply but hope to increase the available supply in collaboration with other Maine partners.

Contact your County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to enter your request.

If you do not know your rep or believe you do not have one, please contact your county emergency management office. A list of county-level offices can be found [here](#). If you do have web-based EOC access, you may enter your request yourself at [here](#):
If link does not work, go to: <https://gateway.maine.gov/eoc7/>.

If you have any questions about this process, please email us at UMSC19request@maine.edu with a subject line identifying your organization and your issue.