

CDS Updated Guidance As of 3/30/2020

Please see below summary of Communicable Disease Service (CDS) updated guidance to assist healthcare facilities and public health officials with decisions concerning discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and home isolation, prepared by our emergency management consultant, Dave Weidner.

With questions on any of these, please contact him at dweidner@leadingagenjde.org

The following three documents have been UPDATED to align with CDC guidance released 3/23/2020 that reflects a change in the home isolation period for confirmed cases. Updates include:

[Guidance for the Discontinuation of Transmission-based Precautions and Home Isolation for Persons Diagnosed with COVID-19](#): Includes updated guidance for test-based strategies, guidance for discontinuing transmission-based precautions without testing and discontinuation of empiric transmission-based precautions for patients suspected of having COVID-19.

[Frequently Asked Questions Healthcare Workers and COVID-19 March 29, 2020](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions for Close Contacts of COVID-19](#): Updated to reflect language around quarantine. This replaces previous version.

Additional Updated Documents:

[Guidance for COVID-19 Diagnosed and/or Exposed Healthcare Personnel](#)

[Priority Actions for Post-Acute Care Settings:](#)

KEY POINTS:

- * SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) is currently circulating in New Jersey and the surrounding areas with many healthcare facilities, including the post-acute care setting, being HEAVILY IMPACTED.
- RAPID ACTION IS NEEDED NOW to stop the introduction and spread of this virus in post-acute care facilities.