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Provider Guidance: Long Term Care Facilities
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The federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) ends on May 11, 2023, which will result in the following actions that affect services provided by licensed long-term care facilities (LTCF) in Kentucky.

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will no longer receive data needed to publish Community Transmission levels for SARS-CoV-2, which influenced the use of source control (or “masking”) in all healthcare settings, as well as admission testing in nursing homes.
2. The CDC posted changes to its “Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendation for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic” on 5/8/2023, available at: [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#), which include updated recommendations for universal source control and admission testing, as well as an appendix aimed at assisting LTCFs with how and when to implement broader use of source control, including examples of potential metrics.
 - a. LTCFs are encouraged to look beyond SARS-CoV-2 and make broader masking decisions based on facility-and-resident-level characteristics and local metrics that could reflect increasing respiratory virus transmission in the community.
 - b. Admission testing will be at the discretion of the LTCF; the KY COVID Surveillance Testing Program will remain available to any LTCF desiring to access it and will continue in its current form until further notice.
3. Determining COVID-19 Vaccination “Up-to-Date” Status can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>
4. The Office of Inspector General will update its web page, “Long-Term Care COVID-19 Resources” (<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/dhc/Pages/cvltc.aspx>) to reflect the expiration of the PHE.

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