

COVID-19 Q&A Hour for Long Term Care



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program

Shoreline, WA

Housekeeping



Attendees will be in listen only mode



Self-mute your lines when not speaking



Type questions into the question window. Please include the type of facility you are from in your question (e.g., NH) and indicate your county.



Nursing Home

Participants from long-term care, regulatory, public health



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Local guidance may differ, please consult with your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ):

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/PublicHealthSystem/LocalHealthJurisdictions>

This is the LTC COVID-19 Q&A Hour!

A chance to connect, ask questions, and learn about the COVID-19 response and infection prevention guidance



Where Can I Find the Q & A Document?

Posted every Wednesday

- Washington Health Care Association:

<https://www.whca.org/washington-department-of-health-covid-19-qa-session/>

- LeadingAge Washington:

FAQ emailed to members – Administrators, Directors of Nursing and Staff Development Coordinators

- Adult Family Home Council:

<https://adultfamilyhomecouncil.org/covid-19/>

Panelists

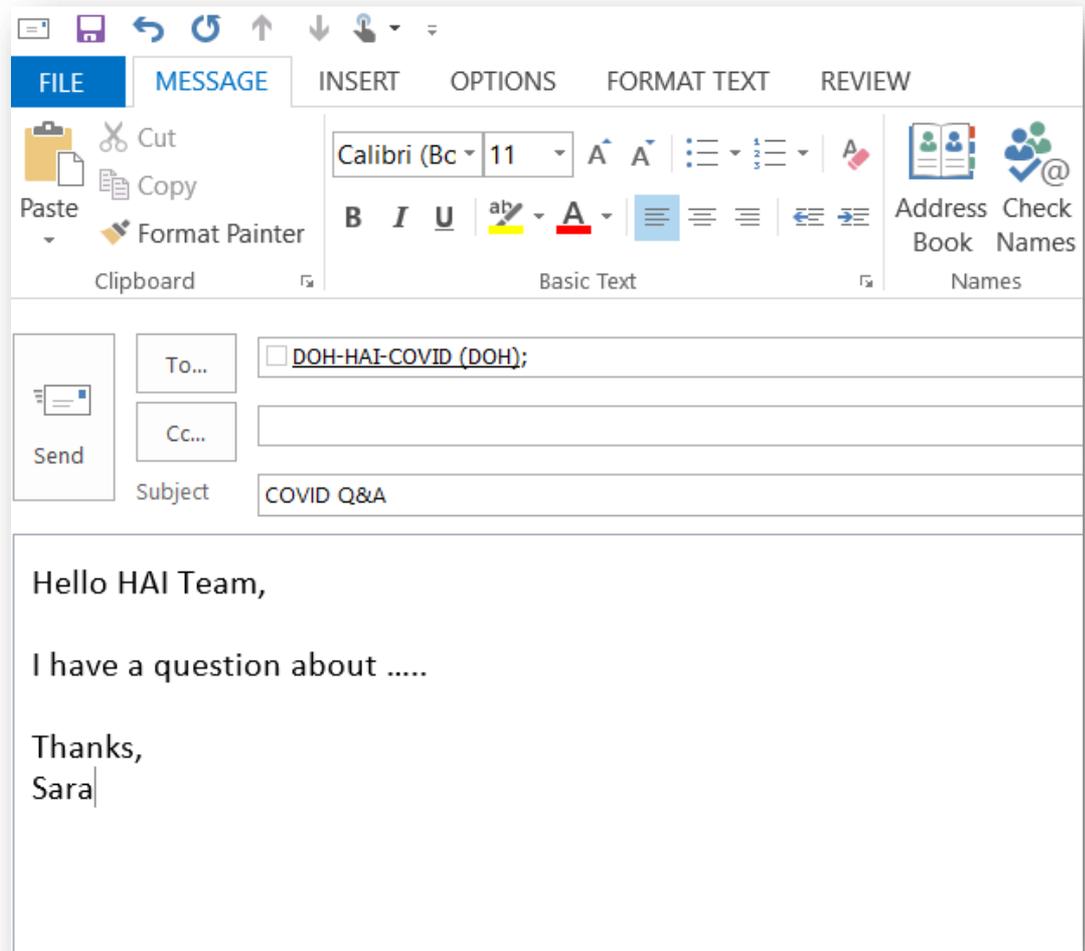


Send Us Your Questions Ahead of Time

Subject Line:
COVID Q&A

Email:
HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov

Due by: COB Tuesday





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ICAR PROGRAM DETAILS

Our free, non-regulatory ICARs provide facilities with infection prevention recommendations and resources on how to keep residents and staff safe.

What We Do

- Provide support with an infection prevention expert
- Assist with addressing gaps in your current infection control protocols for COVID-19 or other infections
- Offer up-to-date guidance and resources

Who We Serve

- Long Term Care Facilities (Assisted, Skilled, Behavioral Health, Nursing facilities, and Adult Family Homes)
- Outpatient Settings
- Acute and Critical Access Hospitals

To Learn More or Schedule an In-Person or Virtual Visit:

<http://doh.wa.gov/ICAR>

Contact Us:

HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov (General)



In Partnership With

- Local Health Jurisdictions
- LeadingAge Washington
- Washington Health Care Association
- Adult Family Home Council of WA State
- Washington State Hospital Association



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HAI-AR SECTION EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please refer to the table below to find the email most appropriate for your needs

Email Path	Description
HAI@doh.wa.gov	General healthcare associated infection questions
HAI-Covid@doh.wa.gov	COVID19-specific healthcare associated infection questions
HAIepiOutbreakTeam@doh.wa.gov	Epidemiological outbreak assistance and healthcare associated infection questions
HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov	Schedule an ICAR for your facility
HAI-FITTesting@doh.wa.gov	Respiratory Protection related questions www.doh.wa.gov/ltrcpp

Long-Term
Care COVID-19
Immunization
Champion
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Long Term Care Facility Booster

- There is support for onsite vaccinations for residents and staff
 - Long Term Care Pharmacy
 - Local Health Jurisdiction
 - Department of Health survey to request help:
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ5K9WV>
 - Contact COVID-Vaccine@doh.wa.gov
- Onsite support may encourage staff to get vaccinated because of the ease of access

Flu Resources

- DOH Resources for Public Health and Healthcare Providers:
 - <https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/PublicHealthSystemResourcesandServices/Immunization/InfluenzaFluInformation>
- Communications Toolkit:
 - toolkits.knockoutflu.org
- Flu Fighter Award – registration now closed for 2021/2022 - awards announced in August 2022:
 - [Flu Fighter Facility Award :: Washington State Department of Health](#)
- Washington State Flu Report:
 - www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/5100/420-100-FluUpdate.pdf
- CDC Weekly Flu Report:
 - www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly



WA Department of Health's

Project Firstline PODCAST!

**LIVE on
SoundCloud!**

Scan to listen



or search:

"WA Dept. Health Project Firstline"

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Store on your iPhone or Android device.**

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Learn about
Infection Prevention
& Public Health
practices!

Listen as we talk to guests
about the importance and
impact these practices
bring to our lives and the
lives of our community!

Upcoming LTC Q&A Schedule

Please plan to attend these upcoming micro learning sessions!

Today's discussion:

- Respiratory Protection Part 1 – Medical Evaluation

Upcoming micro learning topics -

- Feb 24: Respiratory Protection Program – Written Program
- Mar 3 & 10: How to obtain Respirators and PPE
- End March – LTCF Success Stories



RESPIRATORY PROTECTION –PART 1



Online Medical Evaluation

The Five Steps of the Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)



- 1 Written Program**
 - Program administrator (RPA)
 - Hazard(s)
 - Respirator selection
 - Accommodation
 - Program evaluation
- 2 Respirator Medical Evaluation**
 - Questionnaire
 - Clearance/Certification
 - Frequency
- 3 Training**
 - Storage
 - Use
 - Disposal
 - Emergency
 - Limitations
 - Frequency
- 4 Fit Testing**
 - Initial
 - Annual
 - After any physical change
- 5 Recordkeeping**
 - Medical clearance
 - Training records
 - Fit testing result

Step 2

MEDICAL EVALUATION

Medical Evaluation

DOH HAI/AR continues to provide free 3M online medical evaluation for limited time

- Never used the 3M system? Now is a great opportunity!!
 - Occupational Health expert:
 - Recordkeeping Rule
 - Update with federal rule
 - Liability issue
- Used the system in 2020 & 2021?
 - Update your list with new employees
 - Have employees re-take it when certification expires or when your policy says to retake it
- If you signed-up for respirator fit testing with DOH before December 31st, 2021, but have not been contacted by our fit testing vendor...
 - Check your 3M medical evaluation account

Online Medical Evaluation

- DOH cannot fully access your account!
 - To change the account Administrator or contact person: E-mail support@respexam.com
 - Name of your facility & physical address
 - Provide previous person's name & e-mail address
 - New person's name & e-mail address
 - Reasons of this change –ideally previous person send e-mail with all information
 - Support@Respexam.com may ask for additional information to verify this change
- This is Protected Health Information
- Office: Mountain time 8AM – 4:30PM: Monday-Friday

Step-by-Step Instruction

3M ONLINE MEDICAL EVALUATION

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Respirator Medical Evaluations

Information Administration Begin Medical Eval

3M Online Respirator Medical Evaluation

Administrators
Login to your employer account.

Employees
Start your medical evaluation.

Empleados
Comenzar el cuestionario médico para uso del respirador en Español.

Step 1. Login as Administrator.

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Respirator Medical Evaluations

Information Administration Begin Medical Eval

3M Online Respirator Medical Evaluation

Administration Login

Your email address:

Password:

Log In

[I forgot my password](#)

Step 2. Enter your e-mail address and password. Click 'I forgot my password' for reset.



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Step 3. Find icon above

Enter your employees' Last Name and First Name.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	⊕	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	⊕ Doe	Johnathan

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Then click this letters button.

Step 5. Select the employees' names then click "letters" button to **print out**

or

Last Name	First name	MI
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Login Code: <u>C4HW-3BD5-GY7V-TBCX</u> 		
Last Exam: 9/15/2021		
Recert: 9/15/2022		

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Click Green circle with white chain links 
Copy & Paste to the e-mail for direct login

Medical Evaluation

- **Step 6.** Make sure your staff completes the evaluation on their own
 - If the worker needs assistance, they can have someone they trust with their personal health information help them
 - Provide accurate information
 - Only the evaluating physician can access the questions
 - The physician may need to provide you with further instructions
 - Providing false information can be harmful and against the law
 - If you do not provide contact information, it's more likely you will be referred if you have multiple conditions
 - Must be done on work time
 - Provide a quiet, secure place with internet access to be done online
 - The employer will be notified if the worker is able to use a respirator, have restrictions in place, or need to see a local Occupational Health Provider for further evaluation.

Customer Administrator Main Menu

Evaluations in use: 0



Referral Instructions



Respirator Profiles



Enter Employees/Get Login Code



Reports



Upload Requested Files



Account Settings



Reports

Step 7. Check report for how many are completed

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Online Respirator Medical Evaluations

Home Information Administration Begin Medical Eval

Employee Status Washington DOH Covid19 Program Main Menu Help

All status All Active employees All Profiles All Respirators
Name Search: Search
Detailed Reports Employees: 34717 Archived: 3151

Name Reprint Letters	I.D.	Eval #	Date Tested	Recert Date	Profile	Mask	Status
			2/16/2021	2/16/2022	LTFC Caregiver	Particulate	Certified
			12/20/2020	3/21/2021	LTFC Caregiver	Particulate	Lack Follow-up
			5/29/2021	5/29/2022	LTFC Caregiver	Particulate	Certified
			5/4/2021	5/5/2022	LTFC Caregiver	Particulate	Certified
			1/2/2021	1/2/2022	LTFC Caregiver	Particulate	Certified
							Certified

Status:
Certified, Restricted,
Referred, Lack Follow-up, Certified

Sample Report

Written Recommendation (Sample)

3M Authorized Service Provider
Health & Safety Services

Your employer is required under OSHA Standard 1910.134 to ensure that you are medically certified to wear a respirator as part of your job. The following describes the respirator type and use conditions your account administrator assigned you to test for and the physician's evaluation of your ability to wear the respirator based on the information you provided.

MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR RESPIRATOR USE

Employee Name: [Redacted]
Employee ID: [Redacted]
Employer: [Redacted] WA State Department of Health
Date Tested: 9/15/2021 8:16:50 PM



Respirator Use Conditions			
Profile Name *	Epidemiology Investigation		
Respirator Type	Particulate	Temp < 50 F	No
Work Effort	Light	Temp > 77 F	Yes
Extent of Use	2 to 4 hours per day	Permit Required Confined Space	No
Oxygen Deficient	No	Humid Conditions	Yes
Protective Gear	Eye Protection (goggles, faceshield), Head protection (helmet, hard hat, head cover), Skin Protection (apron, coveralls, Tyvek suits), Gloves, Boots, shoe covers, Gown	Hyperbaric	No
Toxic Substances	Hazardous Waste/Material, Infectious Agents (bacteria and viruses; such as TB, influenza), Organic Chemicals	High Altitude	No
Work Description	Working condition may not always include all of the above. Employees work in public health department and provide outbreak investigation, which including interviewing, collecting samples, conducting facility walk-throughs, observation of the sites.		

* Note: The profile name is an arbitrary reference assigned by the employer to the type of mask and work conditions the employee is being evaluated for. It does not in any way impact the medical evaluation.

PHYSICIAN'S EVALUATION
No restrictions on respirator use in the use conditions listed above.
Recertify: Within one year
or when there is a change in health or work conditions.

William H. Lohman
William H. Lohman, MD
Reviewing Physician
9/15/2021 8:22:53 PM
Date

Damarco Solutions, LLC
1807 Market Blvd #281
Hastings, MN 55033
Phone: 1-800-383-3393 Fax: 612-617-0990

Certified

PHYSICIAN'S EVALUATION
No restrictions on respirator use in the use conditions listed above.
Recertify: Within one year
or when there is a change in health or work conditions.

Restricted

PHYSICIAN'S EVALUATION
May use a respirator in the above listed conditions with the following accommodations:
Must accommodate prescription eyeglass lenses when needed by the employee to safely work while wearing the respirator
Recertify: Within one year
or when there is a change in health or work conditions.

Tip of the Day



USEFUL FUNCTIONS

Employee Status Washington DOH Covid19 Program

All status
Active employees
All Profiles
All Respirators

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ ALL

Name Search: Search



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Home Information Administration Begin Med

Employee Status Washington DOH Covid19 Program

All status
All status
Only those tested
Certified
Restricted
Passed
Referred
Denied
Disagreed
Not Tested
Need Recertification
Pending
Denied lack of follow-up

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Name Search: Search

I.D.	Eval #	Date Tested	Recert Date
		2/16/2021	2/16/2022

Sorting the chart

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			1/14/2022		
		11/28/2021	11/29/2026	LTFC Caregiver	Particu
		4/26/2021	4/26/2022	LTFC Caregiver	Particu
		7/2/2021	7/2/2026	LTFC Caregiver	Particu
		2/1/2022	2/1/2027	LTFC Caregiver	Particu

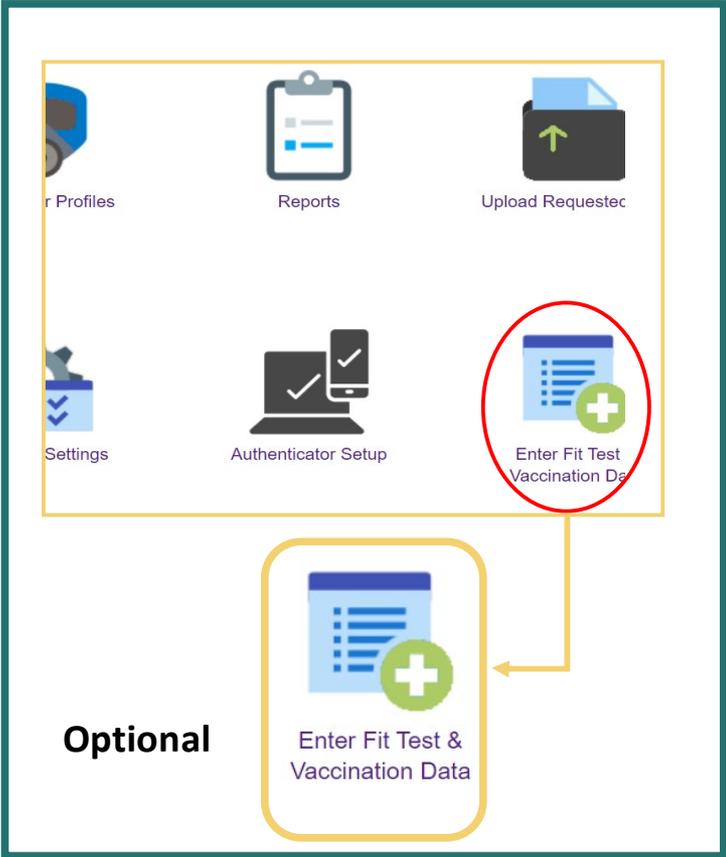
Print Certificate Letters

Export to Excel

Download to Excel → Assign follow up

Name	I.D.	Eval :
Reprint Letters		
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Eval #	Date	
[Redacted]	2/16/2021	
		Archive Employee
		[Redacted]
		[Redacted]
		[Redacted]

Archive –Please Archive your staff who are no longer at your site



Questions?

Q & A Portion

Please type your questions into the question window and tell us what type of facility you are from (e.g., ALF, SNF, AFH) and what county you are in