



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Health Standards Section

TO: All Dialysis Facilities

FROM: Cecile Castello, RN
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DATE: March 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention COVID-19 in dialysis facilities

Please see the attached memo with guidance from CMS to help focus infection control and prevention practices to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Please read this information very carefully. It is also extremely important that dialysis facilities continue to monitor all guidance being released by the CDC as well as that of CMS and the Louisiana Department of Health. I encourage you to continue to contact the **Office of Public Health with any questions you may have regarding the handling of this virus and its associated testing. That number is 800 256 2748. This line is answered 24/7**

General questions for the Office of Public Health can be answered by calling 855 523 2652. This line is available Monday through Friday 8a-4:30p

I also ask that you contact me with any questions you may have regarding this guidance. My telephone number is 225 342 4997 or you may email me at cecile.castello@la.gov

Respectfully,

Cecile