

Missouri Reopening Flow Chart

Federal



GUIDANCE
RECOMMENDATIONS



SURVEY RESULTS
REOPENING
PROGRESS



GUIDANCE
SURVEYS



COUNTY RESTRICTIONS



GUIDANCE



COVID TEST
REPORTS



State

County

Communities
Local Service Providers

RESPONSIBILITIES: CMS Administers the Medicare program and partners with states to administer the Medicaid program. Set certification/licensing requirements and quality standards for long-term care.
GUIDANCE: *March 13* – closed skilled nursing facilities to visitors, except in end of life situations. Guidelines remain in effect.

May 18 – gave states the authority to move forward with reopening skilled nursing facilities to visitors. Instructed state surveyors to begin in-person focused infection control surveys to be completed by July 31, 2020, and mandated infection control education for skilled nursing facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: May 18, recommended reopening skilled nursing communities phases based on a number of factors including availability of testing, availability of hospital beds, staffing levels, and number of COVID-19 cases. Gave states the option of reopening all skilled nursing facilities at once statewide or in geographic regions, or to allow individual communities to reopen as criteria are met.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Address public health concerns in the state and declaring a state of emergency. Set a reopening plan. Governor assigned skilled nursing reopening plan to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

DHSS administers services to older adults, direct health occupations and credentialing/licensing. Set certification/licensing requirements and quality standards for Adult Care Homes, including assisted living, home plus and other facilities. Focused infection control surveys at all skilled nursing facilities and assisted living, home plus and other facilities by July 31, 2020.

ACTIONS: Followed CMS' March 13 guidelines for closure of assisted living facilities to visitors, except in end of life situations.

GUIDANCE: *June 15, 2020* – issued guidance only for visitation, communal dining and group activities to precede the announcement of reopening plans for skilled nursing, residential care facilities and assisted living facilities.

July 9, 2020 – issued guidance for phased reopening. Placed all communities in Phase 1. Requires communities to have at least 28 days with no facility acquired COVID-19 positive cases, no positive tests for residents or employees and conduct facility-wide testing for all residents and employees before moving to Phase 2. Also recommended following CMS recommendations related to PPE, grouping residents by COVID-19 status, access to testing, availability of PPE, local COVID-19 case count trends and hospital capacity. Beginning with the baseline test, communities are required to conduct testing every 2 weeks of a random sampling of community employees. Skilled nursing facilities will be required to report on COVID-19 to state and federal agencies.

The final decision to enter Phase 2 or Phase 3 rests with each individual facility, which must have a policy in place and determine it can expand visitation, communal dining, group activities, and campus access without jeopardizing the health of residents. If baseline or monthly testing results in any positive results for residents or employees, the facility must revert back to Phase 1.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Set a reopening plan for the county and declare a state of emergency.

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Addresses public health concerns in the county. May set policies that are more restrictive or loosen requirements to meet conditions in the county.

Manage any COVID-19 outbreaks at nursing facilities within its boundaries. Consult with local nursing facilities as they move through the phased reopening process. Monitor the trends in the number of cases in the county and issue guidance on movement between the phases. County cases must be trending downward for 14 consecutive days before nursing facilities can move into a new phase.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Health and well-being of residents, employees and visitors to the community. Following certification and licensing requirements for skilled nursing and assisted living from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CMS and KDADS, and any additional guidance from their county health department. Report COVID testing to County, KDHE, CMS and CDC.

RESTRICTIONS: CMS guidelines, DHSS and county health officer mandates and guidelines.

March 13 – CMS guidelines for visitation. *June 15, 2020* – guidance from DHSS on visitation, communal dining and group activities.

ACTIONS: Create plans for allowing in-person visitation, communal dining and group activities within the DHSS guidelines. Develop reopening plans that include initial baseline testing of all residents and employees, ongoing bi-monthly testing for employees, visitation, campus access for essential and non-essential contractors and care partners, communal dining, group activities, employee and resident screening, personal protective equipment and universal source control. Decide when to enter each phase of reopening based on county COVID-19 case trends and ability to keep residents safe.