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This guidance provides clarifying information to health care providers concerning the admission or re-admission to a Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) - or internal release from isolation - of a resident who

a. continues to test positive for COVID-19 after meeting symptom-based criteria, and
b. for at least (72) hours either
   i. remains asymptomatic, or
   ii. presents no new or worsening symptoms.

Guidance: Either of the following results from an FDA-authorized test would be considered sufficient for admission, re-admission or discontinuing isolation:

- A negative antigen test for detection of SARS-CoV-2 viral protein(s), or
- A positive serologic (antibody) test for detection of IgG or total Ab (IgM+IgG)

NOTE: An individual with confirmed COVID-19 who has not met criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions (i.e., release from isolation) does not require a COVID-19 test prior to discharge from the acute care setting to be admitted to a LTCF with a designated COVID-19 care unit.

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This guidance provides information regarding resuming on-site barber/cosmetology services (BCS) for skilled nursing facilities, personal care homes, assisted living communities, and intermediate care facilities. On-site BCS can resume, beginning June 1, 2020, when the following conditions are met:

1. The BCS Provider should adhere to company policies and procedures governing cleaning and disinfecting protocols,* as well as employee screening, in accordance with the guidance provided by the
   a. Centers for Disease Control (CDC),
   c. Team Kentucky’s
      i. Healthy at Work Requirements, available at:
         https://govstatus.egov.com/ky-healthy-at-work, and
      ii. Healthy at Work Requirements for Barbers, Cosmetologists and Hair Salons, available at:

(*) This includes proper disinfection of workstations and tools between residents, ensuring the BCS Provider’s own personal hygiene, providing hand sanitizer and a freshly laundered or unused disposable cape to each resident upon entry to the salon.

2. The BCS Provider should:
   a. Sign a compliance attestation (sample attached) prior to initiating services with residents to ensure facility safety.
   b. Test “negative” for the COVID-19 virus prior to re-opening the salon;
   c. Prior to entry at the LTCF, be screened for signs or symptoms of illness, including a body temperature of less than 100.0°F; and
d. Wear proper Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) upon entering and for the duration of his or her time in the LTCF.

3. Services should be performed by appointment only; no walk-ins should be accepted.
   a. Each resident should be escorted by a member of the facility staff to the salon, at his or her designated appointment time, and back to his or her room afterward. The resident’s arrival time should not coincide with the departure time of any client exiting the salon.
   b. Salon doors should remain closed unless a resident is entering or exiting the salon.
   c. The resident should wear a face mask while in transit to and from the salon, and while in the salon at all times (including during hair washing). **NOTE: A resident who is unable to do this should not receive salon services at this time.**

4. Only one resident and one BCS Provider should be served in the salon at a time.
   a. Only single person seating should be available, and contact surfaces need to be disinfected between residents.
   b. There should not be high-touch objects in the salon, such as magazines, newspapers, drink service, retail products, etc.
   c. Products may be purchased, but they should be stored out of the resident’s reach.
   d. There should not be a waiting room or congregate gathering in or around the salon at any time.
   e. Furniture that encourages congregate gathering, such as couches or love seats, whether inside or directly outside the salon, should be removed.

5. The BCS Provider should not (until further notice)
   a. conduct blow out/hair dry services;
   b. deliver esthetician services, such as clipping or painting nails, shaving or hair removal or similar services; or
   c. serve any person on the premises who has either tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days or presents symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

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