

# **New Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19) for Hospice Agencies**

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Quality, Safety and Oversight (QSO) has issued QSO-20-16-Hospice, [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) by Hospice Agencies](#).

HHSC encourages hospice agencies to review this guidance as they review their infection control policies and practices in inpatient units, nursing facilities, assisted living, hospitals, and home settings. Based on [federal direction to ensure that agencies are prepared to respond to COVID-19](#), HHSC survey staff will begin conducting focused surveys of facilities with a history of infection control deficiencies.

## **Reliable Information Sources**

Find up-to-date novel coronavirus information at [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), and on DSHS's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @TexasDSHS. Also visit the CDC's website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus).