

## 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ILLNESS (COVID-19) GUIDANCE

**TITLE:** Guidance for CMHCs Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness

**DATE:** March 19, 2020

**TIME:** 08:00 AM

**TO:** All CMHC Directors, MCOs, KDHE

**FROM:** Commissioner Andrew Brown

**SUMMARY:** Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Regarding Patients with Possible Coronavirus Illness; KDADS is providing additional guidance to stakeholders.

**GUIDANCE:** Verbal Consent

- I. Effective immediately and until further guidance is issued, to help facilitate social distancing for CMHCs staff and persons served, verbal consent obtained over the phone or the internet will be acceptable in place of signed consent where normally required.
- II. MCOs and State Survey staff should hold harmless the CMHC's during this period of emergency for not having a signed consent, a future date will be set that will return to signed consent in their patient records.