

As COVID-19 outbreaks continue across Indiana, the State Department of Health is partnering with the Indiana National Guard to provide staffing and infection control resources to support skilled nursing facilities in their care of residents. Beginning November 2nd, guard members will be assigned to skilled nursing facilities across the state.

Goal - Provide additional, non-clinical support to facilities so that clinical leadership and staff can focus on resident care. This includes:

- Offloading administrative and other non-clinical duties from direct care staff
- Working to decrease entry and spread of COVID-19 in the facility

Job Duties: These non-medical personnel will provide support that is not direct resident care and report to the Executive Director in the building for day to day responsibilities. They will also have a supervising officer, who will be the facility’s point of contact for questions or concerns. Recommendations for how best to utilize this role are included below:

1. **Data Entry and Testing Support:** Support nursing home testing requirements by entering test results or other mandatory reporting into computer systems, as well as setup and clean up of testing equipment.
2. **Visitor and Staff Screening:** Be stationed at entry points to the facility and screen staff/visitors with COVID-19 questions, temperatures checks, mask handout and basic directions. In addition, guard members will be asked to report to local administrators, and their reporting officers, if they observe any infection control concerns.
3. **Facilitation of Family Visitation** - Assist with disinfection of designated visitation spaces, as well as observation of visits to ensure family and residents adhere to social distancing and PPE requirements.
4. **Cleaning and Disinfection:** Help with COVID-19 disinfection of high touch areas of the facility (e.g., door handles). This WOULD NOT include routine janitorial duties (e.g., disposing of trash, cleaning soiled linens, mopping floors).
5. **PPE stocking and tracking:** Help with stocking COVID-19 negative areas of the facility with PPE related supplies.
6. **Other duties:** Additional duties may be added if they meet the principles previously outlined and if they are jointly approved by the Indiana National Guard and the Indiana Department of Health.

Deployment and coverage: Facilities will have guard members deployed in 3 phases depending on identified need with corresponding coverage. Please refer to Deployment Listing to find your facility.

Phase	Deployment Date	Need	# Guard Members	Coverage
1	November 2nd	High	3	8a-10pm
2	November 9th	Medium	3	8a-10pm
3	November 16th	Low	2	Mon/Tue 8a-10pm Wed-Sun - 10a-6pm

*Coverage hours are subject to change to meet facility needs. Changes to hours must be approved by IDOH and the National Guard.

Training: In addition to training provided by the National Guard, all guard members assigned to skilled nursing facilities will undergo orientation training provided by Probari on the structure of Skilled Nursing Facilities, Infection Control Practices and HIPAA and compliance issues.

Ongoing Support: Probari will provide ongoing review and support to the National Guard as well as facilities.