



Nebraska Office of Radiological Health Guidance COVID-19

The Nebraska Office of Radiological Health is aware of the stresses and burdens of COVID-19 on licensees and registrants. If your facility has identified a temporary need to change processes to protect staff and patients during this crisis which may be in conflict with the regulations, the agency will consider those needs on a case-by-case basis. Please submit those requests in writing to DHHS.RadiationPrograms@nebraska.gov. Individual exemptions, exceptions or waivers to the rules will be considered as allowed for in 180 NAC 1-003.01. Despite the circumstances, licensees and registrants are expected to continue to use sources of radiation in a safe manner and secure them appropriately when not in use.

Many organizations are releasing official guidance for imaging studies and infection control considerations regarding COVID-19. Due to the rapidly changing environment, the Office of Radiological Health recommends licensees and registrants refer regularly to trusted sources for guidance. The following resources are not promoted or endorsed by the Office of Radiological Health but may provide helpful guidance when making informed decisions regarding imaging appropriateness criteria and infection control within an imaging department.

- COVID-19: ACR Statement on Nuclear Medicine Ventilation Scans <https://www.acr.org/Advocacy-and-Economics/ACR-Position-Statements/COVID19-Nuclear-Medicine-Ventilation-Scans>
- ACR Recommendations for the use of Chest Radiography and Computed Tomography (CT) for Suspected COVID-19 Infection <https://www.acr.org/Advocacy-and-Economics/ACR-Position-Statements/Recommendations-for-Chest-Radiography-and-CT-for-Suspected-COVID19-Infection>
- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html>
- Radiological Society of North America COVID-19 Resources <https://www.rsna.org/covid-19>