Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) Items Considered for State LSC Blanket Waiver during COVID-19

Considered for Nursing Care Facilities (NH) that receive a LSC survey as noted, and for which the quarterly or annual inspection timeframe occurred during the COVID-19 restriction timeframe. The requirements in the Department of Health Chapter 3, Section 5(a)(i)(ii), and the Department of Health Chapter 19, Sections 7 and 8(i) shall apply. It is expected that testing will be completed as soon as possible once restrictions are lifted.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM: NFPA 72
- Annual annunciator panel Table 14.4.5(1)
- Annual tests of pull stations, smoke/heat detectors, smoke dampers, etc. Table 14.4.5(15)(f); 14.4.5(15)(e); 14.4.5(15)(h)
- Semi-annual tests of battery load check, sealed battery inspection Table 14.4.5(6)(3); 14.3.1(3)
- Quarterly tests of water flow alarms/ supervisory signal devices 13.2.6.1; NFPA 25 Table 5.1.1.2; 5.3.2
- Annual notification device test Table 14.4.5(20)

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS: NFPA 25
- Annual tests such as main drain, backflow preventer 13.2.5; 13.6.2.1
- Annual anti-freeze checks 5.3.4
- Dry systems: annual and quarterly tests 13.4.4.3.2; 13.4.4.2.1
- Fire pumps: annual tests 13.5.7.2.2; 8.3.3

KITCHEN RANGE HOOD EXHAUST/DUCT CLEANING: NFPA 96
- Semi-annual inspection cleaned as required 11.4

KITCHEN EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM: NFPA 96
- Semi-annual check and test 11.5

GENERATOR: NFPA 110
- Annual tests 8.4.2.3

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: NFPA 10
- Annual checks 7.3.1.1.1

FIRE DAMPERS: NFPA 80
- 4 year or 6 year inspection cycle if concurrent with COVID-19 restriction 19.4.1.1