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The Joint Commission to Suspend Surveying in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak

In response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Joint Commission (TJC) said that beginning today, March 16, it will suspend all TJC surveying. The TJC has notified the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of its decision and CMS has agreed, according to an email sent to stakeholders today.

TJC said that it anticipates that survey delays, as well as other activities, will be on hold at least until the end of April; however, it is conducting planning scenarios that assume longer periods of suspension. TJC said it also is working with its field staff and customers on plans to redirect TJC resources to best assist customers during this constantly changing time.