Checklist for Long Term Care Facilities Experiencing COVID-19 Outbreaks
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☐ Screen all employees for COVID-19 at the start and end of shift. Ill staff should be sent home immediately.

☐ Isolate all symptomatic residents and point of care antigen positive residents in single rooms.

☐ Cohort staff so that dedicated staff are working with ill residents and not with healthy residents.

☐ Employees should use face masks and eye protection **ALL** times for **ALL** resident care.

☐ Implement use of Transmission-Based Precautions. Follow Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html

☐ Visitation is generally prohibited. Refer to the CMS guidance for visitation recommendations during an outbreak situation.

☐ Screen all residents for fever and symptoms of COVID-19 every shift.

☐ Coordinate with local public health, EMS, and hospitals to plan for higher care needs (when and where to transfer and how to communicate COVID-19 risk to the transport team and accepting facility). Understand that the residents' illness may worsen on day 7 to 8 of symptoms.

☐ Develop a testing plan in compliance with CMS guidelines.

☐ Identify other healthcare facilities where staff work. Staff should not work in other facilities if possible, or should use a face mask with eye protection for all patient care in any healthcare setting.

☐ Establish a plan for communication with staff, residents and families, public health, and the public.

☐ Develop a staffing contingency plan. Refer to CDC's Strategies to Mitigate Healthcare Personnel Staffing Shortages: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/mitigating-staff-shortages.html

☐ Use an EPA-registered disinfectant from List N: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-coronavirus-covid-19

☐ Bundle care activities to minimize the number of HCP entries into a room.

☐ Ensure HCP receives training and competency validation on hand hygiene, PPE, and environmental cleaning and disinfection.