



Checklist for Long Term Care Facilities Experiencing COVID-19 Outbreaks

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- Immediately send home (or have them call ahead to their provider to seek care if needed) any employee that becomes ill.
- Isolate all symptomatic 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.
- Consider gown and glove use at all times for all resident care (if available).
- Screen all employees for fever and cough/breathing problems at start and end of each shift. Ill staff should be sent home immediately.
- No visitors should be allowed in the facility (unless end of life situation per CMS guidance).
- Screen all patients for fever and cough/breathing problems daily.
- Coordinate with local public health department, EMS and hospitals to plan for higher care needs (when and where to transfer and how to communicate COVID-19 risk to transport team and accepting facility). Understand that the residents' illness may worsen on day 7 to 8 of symptoms.
- Work with local public health to ensure test kits are readily available for any additional residents that become symptomatic.
- 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 health care setting.
- Establish a plan for communication with staff, residents and families, public health, and the public.