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Updated Nursing and Assisted Living Facility Guidance

Background

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) periodically update their COVID-19 infection control guidance for nursing homes. This guidance document simplifies Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) recommendations for nursing facilities and assisted living facilities by referring them to the most up-to-date CDC and CMS guidance.

Recommendations

WDH recommends that both nursing facilities and assisted living facilities follow guidance from the CDC and from CMS that is specific to COVID-19 infection control, visitation, and testing.

Specifically, WDH recommends that nursing and assisted living facilities follow the most current healthcare infection and control recommendations from the CDC. Those recommendations are located here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

WDH recommends that nursing and assisted living facilities follow the most current testing and quarantine guidance from CMS, which can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf>

WDH recommends that nursing and assisted living facilities follow the most current CMS guidance for visitation, which can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

WDH recommends that as CDC and CMS update their guidance on the links above, that nursing and assisted living facilities adapt their infection control procedures accordingly.

More information about COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://health.wyo.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/>