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McHenry County Department of Health

Memo

To: McHenry County Long-Term Care Facilities

From: Susan Karras, MBA, BSN, RN 
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Date: March 2, 2020

Re: **CDC Interim Coronavirus (COVID-19) Long -Term Care Facility Guidance**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released interim COVID-19 guidance for long-term care facilities and can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html>.

The risk continues to remain low for COVID-19 in McHenry County. MCDH is monitoring this fluid situation very closely and receiving regular updates from IDPH and CDC. We will continue to push out any new or updated guidance as it becomes available at www.mcdh.info. Please direct staff, residents, and families to our MCDH website for the most up to date information. If a case of COVID-19 is identified in your facility or community, MCDH, in cooperation with IDPH and the CDC, will provide specific guidance and messaging at that time.

MCDH encourages all facilities to reinforce with staff and visitors to stay home when ill, cover cough, wash hands frequently and disinfect high touch surfaces. Report any increase in respiratory illness to MCDH Communicable Disease Program at 815-334-4500.



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