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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 11, 2020

Re: **COVID-19 Updates and Weekly Calls**

With the ongoing concerns of COVID-19, the McHenry County Department of Health is determined to take a proactive approach to addressing the needs and concerns of the community. In an effort to ease concern and maintain communication, we are hosting weekly briefings for long term care facilities. Our first briefing is scheduled for next week on **Friday, March 13th from 12:00 pm-12:30 pm.**

Please use the following call information:

Phone: 712-770-4700
Participant code: 666524

To assist us in providing relevant information during the call, please email any questions in advance to covid19@mchenrycountyil.gov and please share this memo with any facility, administrator, or relevant staff that did not receive.

On Tuesday, March 9, 2020, the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) hosted a webinar for long term care facilities providing updates and recommendations. The link to that webinar recording is here: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/lsr.php?RCID=93ffb4347384747a60c59c1c4508e67e>. IDPH guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities can be found at, <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus/long-term-care-guidance> and CDC guidance at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html>.

With the numerous calls coming into the Department of Health, we are encouraging anyone with general questions about COVID-19 to please call the IDPH hotline at 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV.

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.

