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TO: All Licensed Assisted Living Facilities

All Licensed Residential Care Facilities

FROM: DHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit

Re: Pandemic preparedness and applicable resources

Dear Providers:

In an effort to provide support and ensure facility preparedness, Community Based Care surveying staff will be calling to check on facilities status for implementation of required COVID-19 guidelines, ensuring facilities have an emergency preparedness plan in place for if/when COVID enters the building, and to provide support through Q&A and linked resource materials. In any licensed setting where a new COVID infection is identified, being well prepared in advance can be critical in quickly stabilizing and controlling the spread of the virus.

Providers will be asked a series of questions in the areas of screening, cohorting and isolation, staffing plans and infection control, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the community's environmental disinfection protocols.

Telephone calls will be made to all community-based care communities to ensure an action plan has been created to mitigate spread of the virus.

Thank you for your continued efforts during this pandemic.

Please contact SOQ if you have any additional questions or concerns at: CBC.Team@dhsoha.state.or.us or SOQ.LTCInfo@dhsoha.state.or.us