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## Adult Foster Home Provider Alert

### Policy updates, rule clarifications and announcements

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**To:** APD Adult Foster Home Providers  
**From:** Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit  
**Topic:** **Disinfecting Resident Belongings**

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As residents move in and out of long-term care settings it is critical their belongings are stored and moved in a manner that does not encourage transmission of coronavirus, the viral infection that causes COVID-19. When a resident has passed away the transfer of their belongings must be handled in a manner that is mindful of cleanliness and the risk of viral exposure.

Long-term care licensees and staff are reminded of their responsibility to confirm appropriate infection control practices are followed and this includes ensuring resident belongings are cleaned and disinfected before being moved to another location. If possible, leave the resident belongings in an isolated space for seven to ten days before attempting to move them to another location. If this is not possible, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers detailed guidance as to how one can clean furnishings and belongings in a thorough manner.

More information from the CDC can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>

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