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RE: Readiness Assessment Tool for Long-Term Care Facilities

Linked here is a [“Readiness Assessment Tool Update”](#) primarily for those facilities who have not had an employee or resident who has tested positive for COVID-19. The update is based on lessons learned from facilities affected by COVID-19, and recommends facilities:

- Prepare to respond to reduced staff numbers when an outbreak occurs. It is important to have a plan to ensure adequate staff to care for all residents, in the event an outbreak occurs.
- Cohort or separate COVID-19 positive residents from residents who are not symptomatic or confirmed to have COVID-19. Make a plan to separate residents if there are not enough private rooms for COVID-19 confirmed residents.
- Practice effective infection control that includes the proper use of protective personal equipment (PPE) and ensure the use of effective disinfectants, etc.
- Train staff to manage COVID-19 facility outbreaks.
- Use the COVID-19 readiness assessment questions in the attached document as an addition to the checklist included in the OHA COVID-19 Toolkits provided previously by OHA. These additional questions in the attached document are based on recent lessons learned from facilities affected by COVID-19.

This Readiness Tool Update will also be available for future reference on the following SOQ resource pages:

For Community Based Care Providers:

- [CBC Resources](#)

For Nursing Facility Providers:

- [Provider Tools and Resources](#)

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