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Date: December 3, 2020

To: All Nursing Facilities
All Assisted Living Facilities
All Residential Care Facilities

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit,
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RE: **Effective 12/3/2020 - New Health and Safety Framework for
Long Term Care Facility Settings**



On November 25, 2020 Governor Kate Brown introduced a new framework related to reopening strategies and statewide COVID-19 positivity rates. This four-tiered system will identify each county in Oregon based on low risk, moderate, high and extreme risk of COVID-19 exposure. Activities in each county will be adjusted according to these risk measurements.

Beginning December 3, 2020 and for each subsequent *two-week period* the Oregon Health Authority will reexamine and publish weekly county data here: [Oregon COVID-19 Counties & Risk Levels Table](#).

However, the county risk levels (e.g. low risk, moderate, high, and extreme risk) will *only* change *every two weeks*, providing counties with a “*warning week*” of data to prepare for potential risk level changes. For example, from December 3-17, 2020 the county status will remain constant with a “warning” being issued December 10, indicating possible changes to county risk level status.

Every two weeks, long-term care facilities need to determine their county risk level per the county risk level chart and review the [Guidance by Activity Table](#) which specifies allowable activities based on the facility corresponding county risk level.

Please note: Any long-term care facilities with an active Executive Order (EO)

should follow the EO guidelines pertaining to restricted activities such as visitation.

Facilities that are qualified for indoor visits on December 3, 2020 should review the [limited indoor visitation policy](#) which was issued on October 23, 2020.

As a reminder, the following visitation policy guidance pertains to all facilities, including those where limited indoor visitation policies are not applicable because of extreme county risk status.

- [Compassionate care visits](#)
- [Limited outdoor visitation](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your respective licensing team:

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ePOC Practice Tip (Nursing Facilities Only):

Facility Administration - ASPEN Web: e POC (electronic Plan of Correction) is the centralized worksite for completing all steps in CMS & State survey POC processing including:

- Receiving and reviewing Statements of Deficiencies (SODs),
- Formulating POCs,
- Submitting POCs and if desired,
- Attaching supporting Informal Dispute Resolution request & documents.

Register and maintain an active ePOC account to efficiently access your surveys, and at no cost to your facility. ePOC registration passwords are effective for 90 days and must be renewed timely to maintain an active ePOC account. As an active ePOC user, you will receive notifications of pending password expiration with renewal instructions. It may also be advantageous to have multiple ePOC registrants for your facility to ensure an active ePOC account is maintained at all times. For ePOC assistance and/or questions contact QTSO (<https://www.qtso.com>).