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TO: Nursing Facilities Providers

FROM: Safety, Oversight, and Quality

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Reporting Process

This alert is being sent to:

- Provide reporting process guidance on how and to whom to report if a resident has been tested presumptive for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Remind providers about their obligation to follow recommendations and guidance for infection control protocols and procedures.

If a consumer of your facility has tested positive or is suspected of having the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Facility Administration **must** contact their local County Health Authority and APD Safety, Oversight and Quality, immediately. Both agencies must be contacted to ensure precautions are taken for the safety of all residents, staff and visitors of the facility and community.

Please review the infection control guidance and obtain additional information on disease prevention from the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

Nursing Facility providers must also follow CMS infection control procedures and guidelines by ensuring up to date policies and procedures are in place and actively being implemented.

If a resident has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, the local County Health Authority will begin a contact tracing investigation and ensure appropriate safeguards are taken. The Safety, Oversight and Quality (SOQ) unit will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the residents and staff of the facility.

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