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

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Subject: UNIVERSAL EYE PROTECTION UPDATE



Dear Providers,

Effective immediately, universal eye protection (the proactive use of face shields or goggles), will not be required for long-term care facilities in counties with minimal to no community spread of COVID-19.

Be advised that other forms of personal protective equipment including face masks is still required at all times, as is adherence to the core principles of COVID-19 infection control. Eye protection is a required element of personal protective equipment when caring for a resident with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Additionally, in accordance with current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the universal use of eye protection while in resident care areas will remain mandatory under the following conditions:

- Facility is located in a county with moderate or higher community spread of COVID-19; Refer to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

or

- Facility currently has an Executive Order for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. Refer to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html#healthcare-personnel>

Please remember to review CDC guidelines regularly, as recommendations in the above links may be frequently updated.

If you have questions, please contact your licensing team:

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