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**DATE:** March 3, 2020

**TO:** Nursing Facility Providers

**FROM:** Safety, Oversight, and Quality

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Informational Resources

This alert is being sent to:

- Share guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to prevent the spread of infection in long-term care facilities.
- Remind providers about their obligation to have an alternative staffing plans.

In addition, the Department wants to advise providers to regularly check the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) website which posts updates on emerging respiratory infections for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) within the state of Oregon. The website also includes statistics about the number of individuals who have been, or are, currently being monitored for COVID-19, the number of individuals who have tested positive, negative, and who have tests pending: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>

Most important, please review infection control guidance from the CDC and get additional information on disease prevention along with other resources at this site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

The Department would like to remind providers that they must have an emergency back-up plan that includes coverage for possible staffing shortages. Please review your emergency plan and ensure alternate plans for staffing.

The Department will continue to provide information to providers through Administrative Alerts as new information is available. For additional questions please email: [NF.Licensing@dhsaha.state.or.us](mailto:NF.Licensing@dhsaha.state.or.us)