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TO: Nursing Facility and Community Base Care Providers

FROM: Safety, Oversight, and Quality

RE: Disinfecting Personal Belongings

This is a reminder to all Long-Term Care Providers (LTC) that as residents move in and out of care settings it is **critical** that their belongings are stored and transferred in a manner that **does not encourage transmission of coronavirus**, the viral infection that causes COVID-19. Also, when a resident has passed away, the transfer of their belongings must be handled in a manner that is mindful of cleanliness and disinfection of the risk of potential or confirmed viral exposure.

Long-term care licensees and staff are reminded of their responsibility to confirm that appropriate infection control practices are followed. This includes ensuring resident belongings are cleaned and disinfected before being moved to another location. If possible, leave the resident's belongings in an isolated space for seven to ten days before attempting to move them to another location. If this is not possible, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](https://www.cdc.gov)) offers detailed guidance advising how LTC providers can clean furnishings and belongings in a thorough and safe manner. More information from the CDC can be found [here](#):

If you are a Nursing Facility Provider and have questions about this alert, please contact the Nursing Facility Licensing Unit at NFLicensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

If you are a Residential or Assisted Living Provider and have questions about this alert, please contact the Community Based Care Team at CBC.Team@dhsosha.state.or.us

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