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

From: ODHS Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: **COVID-19 Screening of Visitors Upon Entry**



In order to expedite the screening process involved with entering a long-term care facility, some providers are using mobile or electronic devices or Kiosks in order to automate and allow visitors to self-screen for COVID prior to entering their facilities.

It has come to our attention some of these devices are requiring visitors to enter vaccination status (for example, visitors are not allowed to skip the question without answering yes or no). We understand some facilities are requiring visitors to take a COVID-19 test if the visitor answers no to this question prior to entry.

This is a reminder that **facilities may not require visitors to answer whether or not they are vaccinated and cannot require visitors to take a COVID test as a condition of entry.**

If the automated system currently being used requires visitors to enter their vaccination status, please discontinue use immediately until the system can be updated to either remove the question regarding visitor's vaccination status or make the vaccination status question optional.

If you have questions, please contact your licensing team:

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