

Revised CMS Guidance for Nursing Homes on COVID-19

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released [revised and expanded guidance](#) for nursing homes on responding to COVID-19. This letter provides detailed direction on new visitor restrictions imposed to help nursing homes (NFs) control and prevent the spread of infection.

HHSC encourages NFs to review this guidance as they review their infection control policies and practices. [Based on federal direction](#) to ensure that facilities are prepared to respond to COVID-19, HHSC survey staff will begin conducting focused surveys of facilities with a history of infection control deficiencies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [has also issued guidance](#) for nursing facilities, particularly in regards to screening of facility staff and visitors and management of infected residents.

Reliable Information Sources

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