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Long-term Care **NEWSLETTER**

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Long-term Care Update:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Information Update
- Infection Control FAQs – Update
- Notice to Nursing Facilities & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers
- PPE Shipment for Assisted Living/Residential Facilities – Update

COVID-19 Vaccine

The Indiana Department of Health has put together a committee to develop an allocation prioritization list for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. The goal is to protect those with the most risk of exposure, prevent them from giving it to vulnerable population, and to reinforce our healthcare workforce by preventing illness. Additional information and important considerations are detailed in the following:

- [Indiana Department of Health Chief Medical Officer Letter](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Flyer](#)

Infection Prevention Information & FAQs - UPDATE

Below is updated information from the Long-term Care Infection Prevention Team. The information includes the following updates:

- [Infection Prevention FAQs for Long Term Care](#) – Updated 11/30/2020
- [Infection Prevention Flyer](#)
- [Long Term Care Infection Prevention Team Districts Map](#)

The FAQs include updated information on transmission-based precautions, gown usage and conservation, and environmental controls.

Notice to Nursing Facilities & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers

Nursing facility staff and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) drivers **must** always follow CDC guidelines around appropriate PPE usage and communication of resident COVID status. Detailed guidance is available in [Notice to Nursing Facilities and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation \(NEMT\) Providers](#).

PPE Shipment for Assisted Living / Residential Facilities - UPDATE

As part of the State's ongoing efforts to support long-term care facilities another shipment of PPE to assisted living/residential facilities is available. To receive this shipment the following [survey](#) must be completed by December 2. must be filled out by December 2. Please submit only one survey per facility.