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Today's Issue:

- **Division of Aging Survey -- Availability of Technology to Promote Social Connectivity for Residential and Assisted Living Facilities**

In March, a federal order from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) restricted nursing home visitation in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19. In Indiana, assisted living and residential care facilities also restricted visitation. This unprecedented order has required staff, residents, families and friends to reassess how they need to engage with each other to keep everyone safe, healthy, and informed despite the need for social distancing.

The Division of Aging appreciates the creativity many facilities have used to foster social connectivity during this time; however, we also recognize the toll of social isolation. The purpose of this survey is to further explore the utilization of technology within facilities to address social isolation--specifically the type, availability, use, and interest/barriers to pursue technology as an intervention. Your feedback will help us identify potential solutions to better enable meaningful interactions among staff, residents and loved ones. Please return surveys by June 1.

Thank you for completing this [survey](#).