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LTC Update:

- **Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program – Reminder**

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The COVID-19 pandemic uniquely affected residents of long-term care facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. One of the many detrimental effects from this pandemic was the psychological toll from social and emotional isolation. Recognizing the critical role that outside caregivers play in the well-being of long-term care residents, state lawmakers and healthcare providers worked together to establish legislative policy that ensures residents can continue to receive the physical and emotional care required.

The Indiana Department of Health has established guidelines to ensure these programs are present at all facilities. An Implementation Toolkit provides facilities with information and tools to support the Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program.

All facilities shall create and maintain an EFC Program to ensure all long-term care residents can continue to receive the person-centered care needed in the event of future visitation restrictions related to a public health emergency or other declared emergency. This program still applies under the current federal public health emergency (PHE) that was recently extended.

[Essential Family Caregiver Program—Implementation Toolkit](#)

[Essential Family Caregiver Program—Education Power Point](#)