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# Memorandum

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In its continuing guidance regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), CMS has announced new measures designed to limit the transmission of COVID-19 in nursing homes. Effective immediately,

- ✓ Facilities should restrict visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as end-of-life situations.
- ✓ Facilities should notify potential visitors to defer visitation until further notice.
- ✓ Communal dining activities should be cancelled.
- ✓ All group activities should be cancelled.
- ✓ Residents should practice social distancing.
- ✓ Infection control protocols should be followed, including frequent hand hygiene.
- ✓ All staff should be screened at the beginning of their shift for fever and respiratory symptoms. Actively take temperatures and document absence of shortness of breath, new or change in coughs, and sore throats. Ill staff should put on a facemask and self-isolate at home.
- ✓ Staff working in multiple facilities should be actively screened and restricted to ensure they don't put your residents at risk.
- ✓ Review protocols related to vendors and receiving supplies, as well as those for other individuals entering your facility.
- ✓ Advise visitors to monitor for signs and symptoms of respiratory infections for at least 14 days after exiting the facility. **The attached poster should be posted prominently.**

The documents attached to this email include

1. A poster which should be posted immediately.
2. The CMS memo of guidance for limiting Coronavirus in nursing homes.
3. The CMS checklist to be ensure nursing home preparedness related to COVID-19.

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